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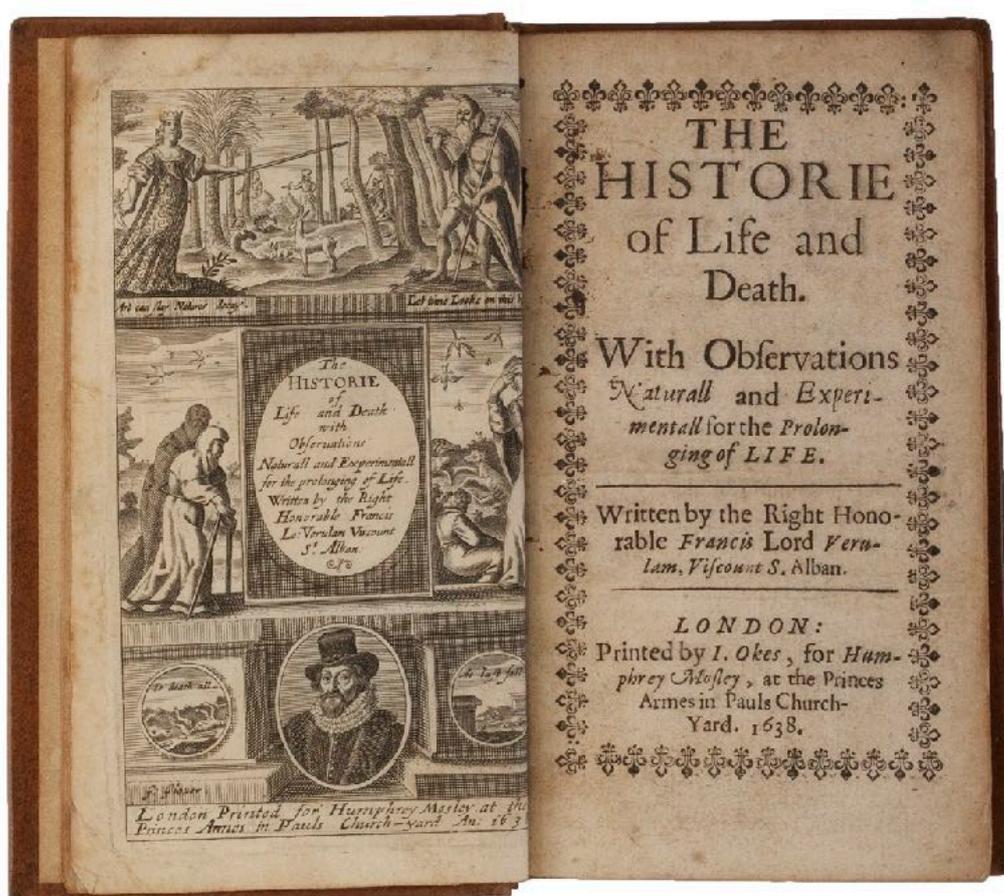
1. **B**ACON, *Sir Francis, Baron Verulam*. *The Essayes or counsels, civill and morall ... Newly enlarged. London, John Haviland, and are sold by R. Allot. 1629.*

Small 4to, pp. [6], 340, [42]; the table (a)2 provided in facsimile; washed and rather faded, but a good reading copy in modern half calf and green cloth boards. £500

The first posthumous edition, largely a reprint of the definitive edition of 1625, adding ‘Of the colours of good and evill, a fragment’.

The first edition appeared in 1597 with only ten short essays; these were revised in 1612, when another twenty-eight essays were added. The 1625 edition, in which the essays had been enlarged ‘both in Number, and Weight; So that they are indeed a New Worke’, contained fifty-eight essays, twenty of them new, the rest revised.

STC 1149; Gibson 15, Pforzheimer 31.



2. BACON, *Sir Francis, Baron Verulam*. *The Historie of Life and Death. With observations natural and experimentall for the prolonging of life ... London, I. Okes for Humphrey Mosley, 1638.*

12mo, pp. [12], 323, [1], with an initial imprimatur leaf, and an additional engraved title-page by Glover; a very good copy in modern speckled calf. £750

First edition, an anonymous and unauthorised translation of *Historia vitae et mortis*, the last part of Bacon's projected 'Instauratio Magna' to be appear in English in his lifetime. A different translation by William Rawley appeared later in the year, also published by Mosley, with an introduction calling the present rendition 'lame, and defective, in the whole'.

STC 1157; Gibson 153.

3. BACON, *Sir Francis, Baron Verulam*. *Cases of Treason ... London, by the Assigns of John More, 1641.*

4to, pp. [4], 35, [1]; A1-2 cut through and neatly repaired; C1 provided in facsimile; title-page dusty, a few spots and stains, lower inner corner of C4 and lower blank margin of final leaf restored; modern brown cloth. £200

First edition. Wing B 272; Pforzheimer 25.3.

4. BACON, *Sir Francis, Baron Verulam*. *Letters, Speeches, Charges, Advices, &c ... now first published by Thomas Birch, D.D. ... London, Andrew Millar, 1763.*

8vo, pp. [16], 396, [12]; a fine copy in contemporary speckled calf, covers diced, spine ruled gilt and lettered direct. £200

First edition, published by Birch from papers left by Bacon to his executor John Rawley, and passing thence to Thomas Tenison, Edmund Gibson, and eventually the library at Lambeth.

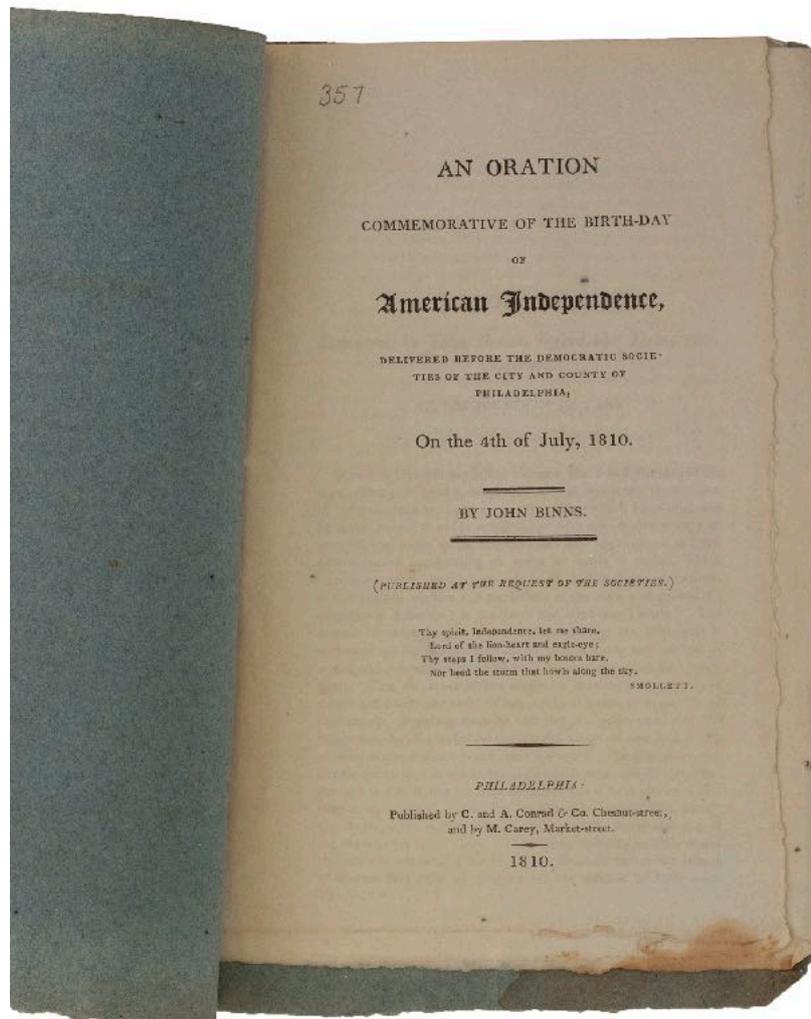
AN AMERICAN RADICAL

5. BARLOW, Joel. *Political writings ... New-York, Mott & Lyon, 1796.*

8vo, pp. xvi, [1], 18-258; somewhat browned, but a good copy in contemporary sheep, rubbed, rear joint cracked; contemporary ownership inscriptions. £250

First collected edition, printing Barlow's *Advice to the Privileged Orders* (which 'forcibly presents the doctrine of the responsibility of the State', *DAB*), *Letter to the National Convention*, *Letter to the People of Piedmont*, and *The Conspiracy of Kings*. There are two variants, the other adding other booksellers to the imprint.

Evans 30026.



INDEPENDENCE DAY

6. BINNS, John. An Oration commemorative of the birth-day of American Independence: delivered before the Democratic societies of the city and county of Philadelphia, on the 4th of July, 1810 ... Philadelphia, C. and A. Conrad & Co, and M. Carey; 1810.

8vo, pp. 11, [1]; a fine copy, uncut, and unopened, stitched in the original blue drab wrappers. £100

First edition, an Independence Day oration by the Irish-American journalist John Binns, a former member of the radical London Corresponding Society, who was several times imprisoned in the 1790s.

AGAINST FORCED CONSCRIPTION

7. [BRITISH ARMY.] Reflections on the pernicious custom of recruiting by crimps; and on various other modes now practised in the British army. In a letter to a friend. *London, D. I. Eaton, [1795].*

8vo, pp. [2], ii, 5-25, [1, advertisements]; some browning and spotting, mainly marginal, but heavier on title-page; recent quarter green cloth. £350

First edition of this work, printed by the radical publisher Daniel Isaac Eaton, describing and condemning the manner of recruiting used during the wars against revolutionary France by the British Army. Crimping was essentially a form of kidnap, and was used both by the army and the navy, where it became known as press ganging. The author of this pamphlet identifies the legal, moral, and practical problems with crimping, especially arguing that a soldier recruited under duress will be less effective, and noting that crimps ‘take such an undue advantage of the ignorance of the lower ranks [and] ungenerously decoy them into the fatigues and dangers of war for the ease of their betters, who never dream of fighting their own battles’.

8. [BRITISH CONVENTION.] The Address of the British Convention, assembled at Edinburgh, November 19, 1793, to the people of Great Britain. *London, D. I. Eaton, [1793].*

8vo, pp. 24, wanting the half-title; else a good copy, in modern brown cloth. £225

One of two printings by Eaton in the same year. The Scottish offshoot of the Friends of the People Society was founded in July 1792, its membership comprising mostly shopkeepers and artisans. A series of ‘conventions’ were held in 1793, the last welcoming English delegates and calling itself a ‘British Convention’, arguing for annual parliaments and universal (male) suffrage.

POETRY VS. WARREN HASTINGS

9. [BROOME, Ralph]. The Letters of Simpkin the Second, poetic recorder, of all the proceedings, upon the trial, of Warren Hastings, Esq. in Westminster Hall. *London, Stockdale, 1789.*

8vo, pp. viii, 224; preliminaries dusty and browned, tear to I4 with ugly tape repair, otherwise a good copy in recent quarter cloth and boards, morocco lettering-pieces to spine, gilt, stamps and bookplate of the Law Library of Los Angeles; contemporary ownership inscription of Elizabeth Bonds. £100

Third edition, first published 1788, of this satirical commentary on the trial of Warren Hastings (1732-1818), the former governor of British Bengal who was impeached and tried for corruption. An opponent of Hastings, Broome begins with a poetic tribute to the managers of the impeachment, and continues with a series of letters in poetic couplets mocking Hastings and Pitt. The book ends with notes for future 'examinations', mocking the failure of the jury to secure the conviction of so obviously guilty a prisoner.

Ralph Broome (1752-1805) had been in India under Hastings as a captain in the Bengal Army, presumably giving him a personal interest in the case. In 1798 he married Charlotte, niece of Fanny Burney, causing her and the Burneys great consternation. He eventually went insane and died a 'howling death'.

10. [BURGH, James]. *Britain's remembrancer: or, the danger not over ... London, M. Cooper, 1746.*

8vo, pp. [2], 46; slightly dusty, but a good copy in modern green cloth.

£100

First edition, an essay lamenting the sensuality and irreligiosity of the age, and implying that the Jacobite rebellion of 1745 was a divine punishment. It was much reprinted, with editions in Edinburgh, New York, and Philadelphia.

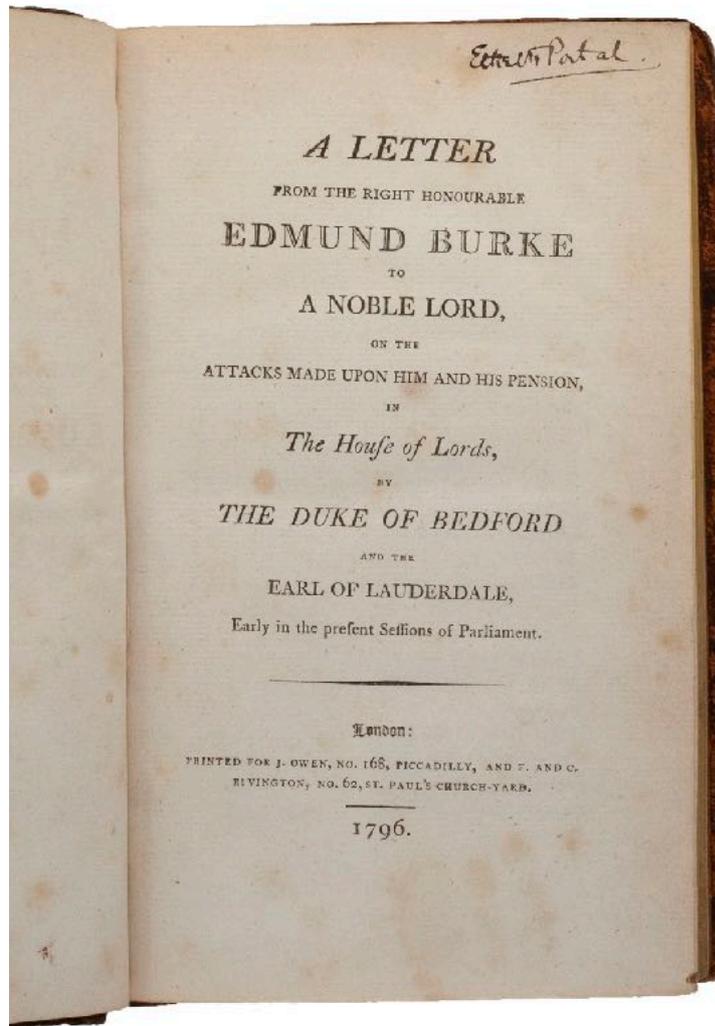
11. BURKE, Edmund. *A Letter from the right honourable Edmund Burke to a noble lord, on the attacks made upon him and his pension, in the House of Lords, by the Duke of Bedford and the Earl of Lauderdale, early in the present sessions of parliament [half-title: seventh edition]. London, for J. Owen and F. and C. Rivington, 1796. [Bound with:]*

BURKE, Edmund. *Two Letters addressed to a member of the present parliament, on the proposals for peace, with the regicide directory of France [half-title: eleventh edition]. London, for F. and C. Rivington and R. White, 1796.*

2 works in 1 vol., 8vo, pp. [4], 80; [4], 193, [1]; a little foxing and browning; very good in contemporary sheep; rebacked, red morocco lettering-piece and gilt fillets to spine; some wear to corners and edges; ownership inscription to front pastedown 'John Wordsworth Trin Coll Cant'; in memoriam bookplate of William Henry Covington; armorial bookplate of Ethel Mary Portal and her signature to first title.

£300





Two essays by Burke, with interesting provenance.

Provenance: John Wordsworth (1805-1839), classical scholar of Trinity College, Cambridge, nephew of the poet William Wordsworth; William Henry Walter Covington (d. 1894), also of Trinity College; Ethel Mary Portal (c.1860-1926).

12. BURKE, Edmund. *A Letter from the Rt. Honourable Edmund Burke to His Grace the Duke of Portland, on the conduct of the minority in Parliament. Containing the fifty-four articles of impeachment against the Rt. Hon. C. J. Fox. From the original copy, in the possession of the noble Duke. London, for the Editor, 1797.*

8vo, pp. [2], 94; wanting the half-title and final advertisement leaf; title-page lightly spotted, some very light foxing, otherwise a very good copy, some quires on bluish paper, in later stiff marbled wrappers. £75

First edition thus, of a letter written by Burke in 1783 to Fox's former Whig ally the Duke of Portland, during the short-lived Fox-North coalition of 1793, in which Burke had played a part.

The ‘impeachment’ and Fox’s dismissal opened the way for William Pitt the Younger. This pamphlet’s appearance four years later echoes the same rivalries: in 1797 support for Pitt’s war with France was overwhelming, and Fox, his support collapsing, fled Parliament. Burke’s letter is an exercise in guileful political pragmatism, with more than a hint of sarcasm directed at both parties: ‘Mr. Pitt may be the worst of men, and Mr. Fox may be the best: but, at present, the former is in the interest of his country, and of the order of things long established in Europe: Mr. Fox is not’.

Todd 67a.

13. [BURKE *satire on.*] A Letter from a right honourable aristocrat, to the right honourable William Pitt, on the anti-aristocratical tendency of the right honourable Edmund Burke’s Letter to a noble lord; with hints for amending Lord Grenville’s and Mr Pitt’s patriotic bills. Also, a recommendation of a tax, for raising the splendid sum of four millions annually, by a mode perfectly comfortable, and never yet adopted. *London, D. I. Eaton, 1796.*

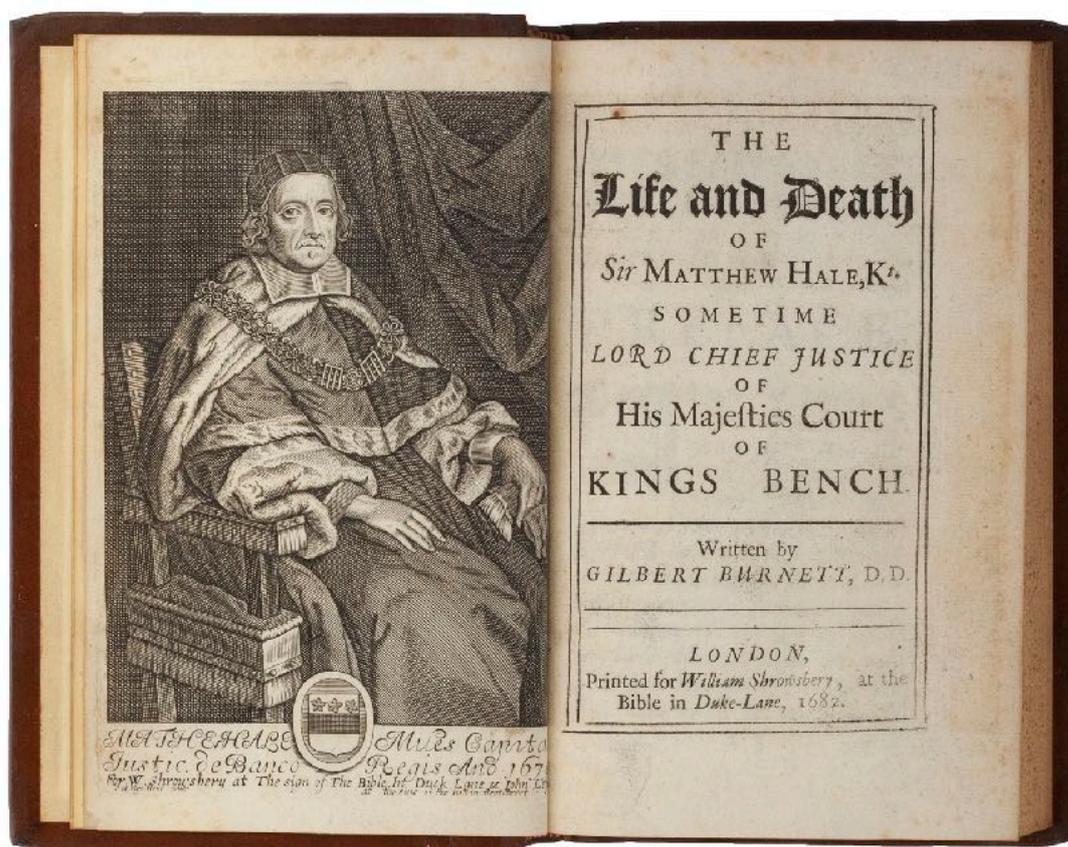
8vo, pp. [2], 40; heavy dampstaining throughout; in recent brown cloth boards, title in gilt on spine. £125

Only edition of this anonymous satirical response to Burke’s *Letter ... to a noble lord* (see above), in which the author (alas unidentified) accuses Burke of libel against the King, both houses of parliament, the clergy, and the people in general, in his attempts to secure the pension that would keep him solvent in his final years. The author then turns to taxation, noting that Pitt’s enthusiasm for taxation had still not happened upon an obvious way of raising money: a tax on fires, as fires are a luxury: ‘I am of a very chilly constitution, and love a good fire vastly. Therefore, as a good fire is an article of soul and body-cheering luxury to me, it of course must be so to every person’.

14. BURNETT, Gilbert. *The Life and Death of Sir Matthew Hale, Kt. Sometime Lord Chief Justice of His Majesties Court of King’s Bench.* *London, Shrovsbury; 1682.*

12mo, pp. [18], 218; engraved frontispiece portrait; a very good copy (washed?) in contemporary panelled calf, rebaked, edges and corners restored, endpapers renewed; sprinkled edges. £200

Second edition, first published 1681, one of two variant issues. The prolific Gilbert Burnett (1643-1715), or Burnet, later Bishop Burnet, took time from his ongoing *History of the Reformation* (first appearance 1679) to write this *Life* of Matthew Hale, the famous jurist of the Protectorate (1609-1676), at the request of his friends. The purpose of the *Life* was to do good to Hale’s memory but also to the bookseller, who includes a catalogue to the rear offering all of Hale’s published works. Wing B 5828.



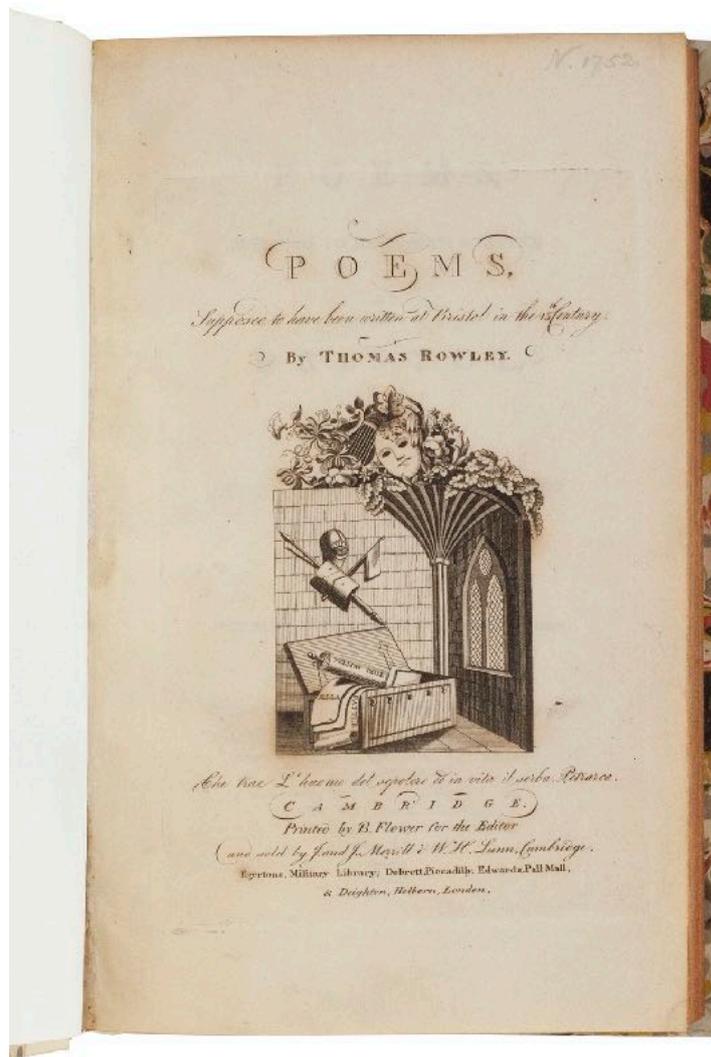
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FIGHTING OVER BIRDS

15. [BYRON.] The Trial of William Lord Byron, Baron Byron of Rochdale, for the murder of William Chaworth, Esq; before the right honourable the House of Peers, in Westminster Hall, in full parliament. On Tuesday the 16th, and Wednesday the 17th of April, 1765: on the last of which days the said William Lord Byron was acquitted of murder, but found guilty of manslaughter. Published by order of the House of Peers. London, Samuel Billingsley, 1765.

Folio, pp. [2], 47, [1, blank]; tear in gutter throughout, crudely repaired, text of final page from another copy, laid down on new leaf; some foxing and browning throughout; sporadic tearing, crudely repaired; in recent green cloth, title in gilt on spine. £50

Only edition of this comprehensive account of the murder trial of William Lord Byron, great uncle of the poet, in front of the House of Lords. Byron had duelled with his cousin William Chaworth, following a dispute over the number of game birds on their respective estates. The Lords rejected the charge of murder, convicting Byron instead of manslaughter; Byron paid a small fine, and thenceforth revelled in his notoriety.



COLERIDGE'S FIRST APPEARANCE IN A BOOK

16. **C**HATTERTON, Thomas]. Poems, supposed to have been written at Bristol, by Thomas Rowley, and others, in the fifteenth century. Cambridge, B. Flower, for the Editor ... 1794.

8vo, pp. xxix, [1 blank], [2], 329, [1 blank]; engraved title-page; a very good copy, washed, in recent half vellum and marbled boards by Nicholas Pickwoad, morocco lettering-piece to spine, gilt; nineteenth-century bookplate preserved on rear pastedown.

£500

First Cambridge edition, first published in London in 1777; this edition contained Coleridge's first appearance in print in book form, the prefatory 'Monody on the Death of Chatterton'.

BIGAMY

17. CHUDLEIGH, Elizabeth. The Trial of Elizabeth duchess dowager of Kingston for bigamy, before the right honourable the House of Peers, in Westminster-Hall, in full parliament, on Monday the 15th, Tuesday the 16th, Friday the 19th, Saturday the 20th, and Monday the 22nd of April, 1776; on the last of which days the said Elizabeth ... was found guilty. *London, for Charles Bathurst, 1776.*

Folio, pp. [4], 176; first two leaves loose, some chips to edges of title leaf, browned, edges somewhat brittle; in modern cloth, remains of spine labels; boards marked; ink stamps of the Association of the Bar Library, New York, to title. £250

First edition of this account of the trial of Elizabeth Chudleigh (c. 1720-1788), who having secretly married Augustus John Hervey (later third earl of Bristol) in 1744, later married Evelyn Pierrepont, second duke of Kingston in 1769. Tried in 1776 before her fellow peers in Westminster Hall, Chudleigh ‘defended herself by putting the blame on her lawyers and others, including the princess dowager. The Lords believed not a word of this defence, and all 119 of them declared her guilty. She evaded the clerical punishment of being branded on the hand, and escaped in an open boat to Calais’ (*ODNB*). After establishing a vodka distillery near St Petersburg, she met her end in France after bursting a blood vessel in a hysterical tantrum.

18. [COBBETT, William]. Porcupine’s political Censor, for November 1796, containing Observations on the insolent and seditious Notes communicated to the People of the United States by the late French Minister Adet. *Philadelphia, William Cobbett, November 1796.*

8vo, pp. 78; lightly toned, very slight spotting; a very good copy in recent brown buckram. £175

Cobbett’s response to Minister Adet and the ‘Gallic usurpers’. Resident in America from 1792 until 1800, William Cobbett (1763-1835) wrote as ‘an anti-Jacobin polemicist’ who ‘identified his politics most closely with the federalists – the pro-British and anti-French faction under the leadership of Alexander Hamilton – while taking angry aim at the pro-French, Jacobin-sympathizing democratic faction led by Thomas Jefferson’ (*ODNB*).

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19. CONSIDERATIONS on the French War, in which the circumstances leading to it, its object, and the resources of Britain for carrying it on, are examined, in a letter to the Rt Honble William Pitt. *London, D. I. Eaton, 1794.*

8vo, pp. iv, 66; paper uniformly lightly browned, mark to gutter of half-title, otherwise clean; in recent brown cloth, title in gilt on spine.

£200

Only edition of this pamphlet on the origins and progress of the war on France. Although the pamphlet is addressed to Pitt, the blame for the war is placed squarely at the door of Edmund Burke, who was recognised as the most eloquent and persuasive of the conservative writers in support of war. The author reflects on the writings of Burke and Paine, the British party system, the limits of the war aims, the relative economic strength of France and England, the conduct of the Bank of England, and the importance of commerce to British prosperity, concluding that ‘to persist in the present war must be attended with ruin to this country’.

Goldsmiths’ 15909.

20. [CURLL, Edmund]. *The Case of Dr. Sacheverell, represented in a Letter to a noble Lord. London, [s.n.,] 1710.*

8vo, pp. 32; an excellent copy, disbound, with evidence of contemporary stab-stitching.

£175

First and only edition of a pamphlet in defence of Sacheverell, addressed to the Duke of Beaufort. Brought to trial before the House of Lords after publishing an inflammatory sermon, Henry Sacheverell (1674-1724) would be found guilty and banned from preaching for three years. Though critical of Whig conduct in the case, the bookseller Edmund Curl (d. 1747) engaged in controversies largely for commerce, not conviction.

21. **D**'ISRAELI, Isaac, *attributed author*]. *Domestic Anecdotes of the French Nation, during the last thirty years. Indicative of the French Revolution. London, C. and G. Kearsley, 1794.*

8vo, pp. xvi, 444; some light foxing in places; in contemporary calf, spine gilt with black morocco label; spine split but sound, joints cracked, somewhat rubbed.

£250

First edition of this collection of observations on French society and letters in the approach to the Revolution, attributed to the prolific author and critic Isaac d'Israeli (1766-1848), father of the future Prime Minister Benjamin Disraeli.

The author's thesis is that, contrary to the general opinion in Britain that the French Revolution was a sudden, unexpected event, it was in fact ‘the accumulation of much toil and much time’. Offering anecdotes, both known and private, of different aspects of French life over the last three decades, d'Israeli seeks to ‘shew our countrymen what are the disorders that lead to a Revolution; and to remind them still further, that a too sudden revolution may be more terrible than the disorders it would rectify’. In chapters devoted to the role of the *philosophes*, the clergy,

politicians, the royal court, the theatre, literature, and the Louis XV and XVI, d'Israeli offers stories showing both the abuses of power and influence which made revolution desirable, and the ways in which the *philosophes* gained influence and used it to radicalise a susceptible population.

22. DUGDALE, William. *A brief Discourse touching the office of Lord Chancellor of England. Written by the learned John Selden of the Inner Temple, Esq. ... Together with a true catalogue of Lord Chancellors, and Keepers of the Great Seal of England, from the Norman Conquest, until this present year, 1671. London, Lee, 1672.*

Folio, pp. [4], 26; foxed throughout and with some browning to edges, otherwise a good copy in recent half calf and marbled boards, spine lettered direct, rubbed. £95

Second edition, first printed 1671, of Selden's essay, dedicated to Francis Bacon, as found in the collections of the lawyer and antiquary St Loe Kniveton.

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FOR THE ASSISTANCE OF AMERICAN IMMIGRANTS

23. DUNN, Thomas. *A Discourse, delivered in the New Dutch Church, Nassau Street, on Tuesday, the 21st October, 1794, before the New York Society for the Information and Assistance of Persons Emigrating from Foreign Countries ... New York, for L. Wayland, 1794.*

8vo, pp. [4], 28, [2, publisher's advertisements]; small hole to inner margin of first two leaves, closed tears to fore-edges of pp. 25-28 (without loss), p. 28 slightly rubbed, browning and spotting; else good in recent cloth boards, gilt-lettered spine. £175

First edition of this heartfelt attack on George III's England and encomium to America as a nation of immigrants, with reference to Franklin, Washington, and Burke, by the recently arrived Irish migrant, Rev. Thomas Dunn. 'The conduct of that despot, Pharaoh, towards the children of Israel, and the conduct of the British government towards this country, bear to each other a remarkable correspondence', Dunn writes, while praising America as 'an asylum for peace, for liberty, and for religion'. Daniel Eaton published a reprint in London in the same year (see next).

Evans 26921.

24. DUNN, Thomas. A Discourse, delivered to the New Dutch Church, Nassau Street, before the New York Society, for the information and assistance of persons emigrating from foreign countries. *New York and London, D.I. Eaton, [1794]*.

8vo, pp. 30; lacking half-title; some dustsoiling to first and last few leaves, otherwise reasonably clean; in later cloth-backed marbled stiff wrappers, faded paper label on upper cover; somewhat worn. £125

First London edition. Sabin 21325.

25. DUTY (The) of constables, containing instructions to constables, petty constables, headboroughs, tythingmen, &c in the several particulars of their office. *Gloucester, R. Raikes, 1790*.

8vo, pp. vii, [1], 47, [1]; slightly toned, but a good copy in recent brown cloth. £125

First edition, scarce, published by the philanthropist and pioneer of the Sunday School movement, Robert Raikes, who had taken over his father's publishing business in 1757. The work is a summary of the 46 main duties of a constable, from the arrest of lewd women, the apprehension of deserters and the preservation of the peace at elections, to the taking up of strolling players as vagrants, and the suppression of riots. It was issued in part in response to new fines to be imposed on constables for the neglect of their duties.

A smaller, cheaper edition for distribution to all constables is advertised here as 'in the press' (later editions are paginated pp. 32).

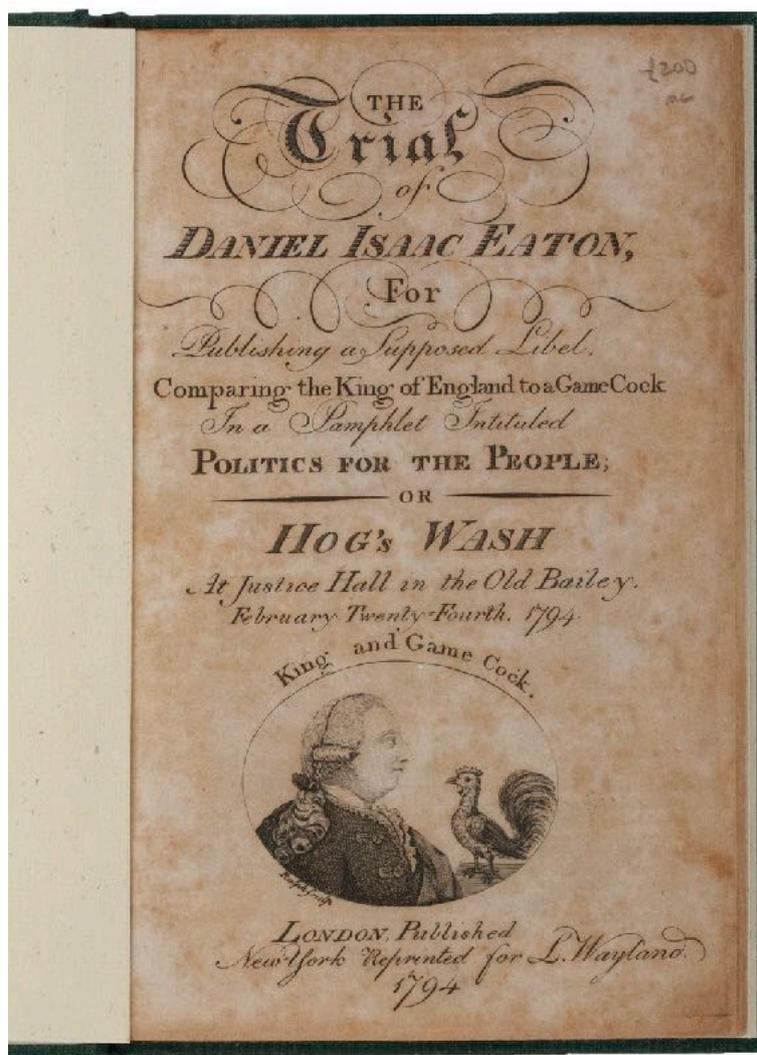
EATON'S FIRST ORIGINAL PUBLICATION

26. **E**ATON, Daniel Isaac]. Extermination, or an Appeal to the people of England, on the present war, with France. *London, D.I. Eaton, [1793]*.

8vo, pp. 34 [i.e. 33], [1, advertisements], wanting the half-title; short tear to a², with no loss of text; some light browning, but largely clean; in recent maroon cloth, title in gilt on spine. £500

First edition of what 'might be called Eaton's first original publication' (John Mee, *Print, Publicity, and Popular Radicalism in the 1790s*, 2016).

Establishing the template of miscellaneous short writings that was to be successful in Eaton's *Politics for the People*, the present work also contains an Algernon Sidney letter, an epistle to 'Mr Secretary Placid' (i.e. Henry Dundas, Secretary of War), and a letter from the Leicester journalist and bookseller Richard Phillips to Eaton, during his imprisonment for selling Paine's *Rights of Man*. This is the issue/edition in pp. 33 rather than pp. 31.



27. [EATON TRIAL 1794.] The Trial of Daniel Isaac Eaton for publishing a supposed libel, comparing the King of England to a game cock in a pamphlet intituled Politics for the people; or Hog's wash ... *New York, L. Wayland, 1794.*

8vo, pp. 3-48, with an engraved title-page (with a vignette of the King and the game cock by Ralph), but wanting the half-title; foxed at the extremities, but a good copy in green cloth. £300

First American edition. In the eighth number of his weekly periodical *Hog's wash, or, salmagundy for swine*, Eaton had published two attacks on the monarchy, comparing George III to a tyrannical game-cock. The prosecution for seditious libel that followed brought Eaton great attention; he was defended by Joseph Gurney and acquitted, adopting thereafter the triumphant imprint 'Printed by D. I. Eaton at the Cock and Swine'. The trial received significant attention in America, where the Alien and Sedition Acts were soon to emerge as tactics to suppress the opposition.

Evans 26931.

28. [EATON, Daniel Isaac, *publisher and possible author*]. *A Letter to the Right Honourable Charles James Fox, from a Westminster elector. London, D.I. Eaton, 1794.*

8vo, pp. 19, [1, blank]; some spotting and browning, and stain to gutter at head of last few leaves; in recent green marbled wrappers, with printed paper label on upper cover. £250

First and only edition of this response to Charles James Fox's *Letter to the Electors of Westminster* of 1793, published (and possibly written) by Daniel Isaac Eaton. While Fox had presented himself, in defending his support for the French Revolution, as a supporter of individual liberties, the author of this letter highlights his inconsistencies, including his professed opposition to war with France, and then his voting for it, all of which, it is argued, stem from a toleration of the privileges of the aristocracy, which trump those of the people: 'I say, sir, I feel myself aggrieved I feel the loss of my rights I feel myself overloaded with taxes I perceive an awful increase of the burthen my mouth is stopped my sentiments are restrained my expressions are forbidden my conduct is modelled I dare not make my complaints ... Aristocracy is expensive..., is arrogant, is venal ... The current of Democracy cannot be stopped!'

ESTC and Library Hub record copies at BL, Leicester; Duke, Pittsburgh Theological Seminary, Princeton, Rutgers, and Pennsylvania.

29. [EATON, Daniel Isaac, *publisher*.] *The Evidence summed up; or a statement of the apparent causes and objects of the war. London, D.I. Eaton, 1794.*

8vo, pp. [4], ii, 3-40; some light marking aside, clean and fresh throughout; in twentieth-century red cloth boards, title in gilt in spine. £200

First edition, scarce, of this pamphlet on the causes and objects of the war on revolutionary France. 'It may be hoped, that those independent private persons, who have, in their different capacities, given their support to administration, only because they have not accustomed themselves to think on the subject of government, will be awakened to a sense of the necessity of investigating the conduct of their public servants, and of no longer tacitly acquiescing in measures, without attempting to ascertain their real object, and tendency, and how far it is consistent with the prosperity and the safety of their country' (*introduction*).

ESTC records copies at Cambridge, BL, Bristol; Delaware, Huntington, Missouri, and Pittsburgh Theological Seminary. There were three further editions within the year.

POLITICAL FABLE

30. [EATON, Daniel Isaac, *publisher.*] *A Warning to judges and jurors on state trials; being an abstract from an ancient Lilliputian chronicle ... London, D. I. Eaton, [1795?]*

8vo, pp. 50; toned and slightly foxed throughout, ink stains to last few leaves; modern marbled boards. £300

First and only edition of an uncommon political fable mocking the government. The code is relatively obvious – Lilliput’s colonies are ‘driven to insurrection’ and public funds wasted on placemen, but there are cries for reform. The Vizir replies by demanding ‘a law to enable him to put as many persons in prison as he might see fit’ (*i.e.* the Sedition Acts of 1795), and targets ‘*Snicobai*’ (*i.e.* Jacobins) in particular.

Nine copies in ESTC.

31. [EATON, Daniel Isaac]. *The Philanthropist*. [Two issues, Monday 12 October 1795 (No. 29) and Monday 25 January 1796 (No. 43)]. *London, D. I. Eaton, 1795-1796*.

Two issues, 8vo, pp. 8; 8; lightly foxed, else good copies, disbound, sewing split, leaves loose in first issue, just holding in second. £125

Two issues of Daniel Isaac Eaton’s weekly journal, which ran for a period of several months over two years. No. 43, which contains an index as pp. 7-8, was the final issue, and consists entirely of verse praising the French Revolution and apparently mocking with irony the British constitution.

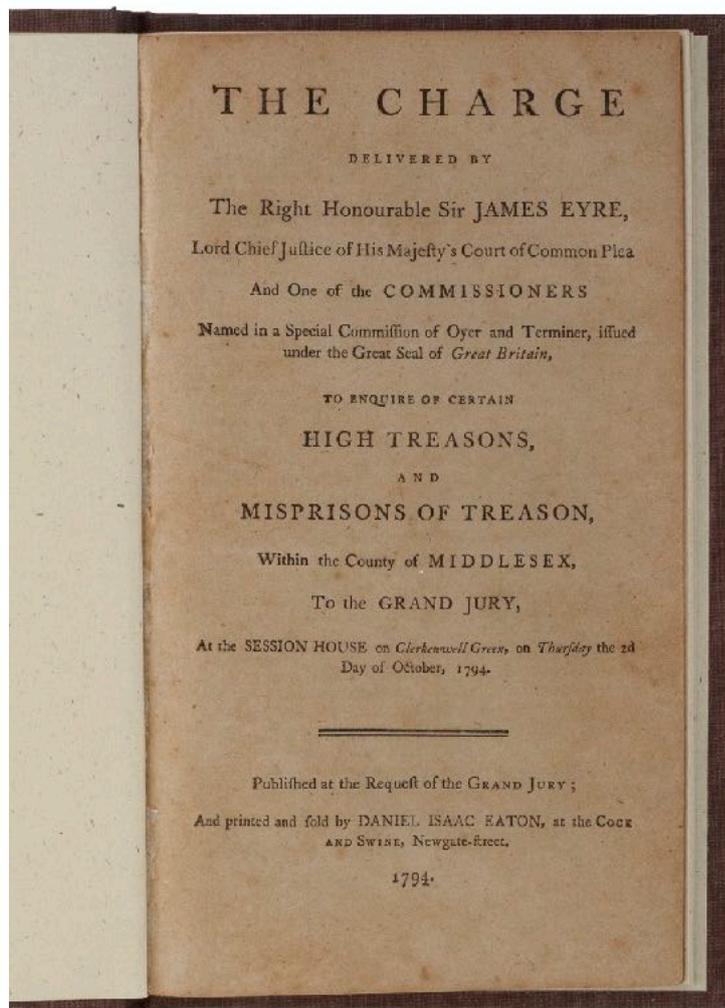
Rare, full runs extremely so, ESTC noting the BL and Berkeley only.

32. [ERSKINE, David Steuart, *Earl of Buchan*]. *Letters on the Impolicy of a standing army, in time of peace. And, on the unconstitutional and illegal measure of barracks; with a postscript, illustrative of the real constitutional mode of defence for this island. Containing also a short review of the effects which are produced by a standing army, on morality, population and labour. London, D. I. Eaton, 1793.*

8vo, pp. [4], 90; some foxing and browning throughout; black spotting to first couple of leaves; stitch holes in gutter, not affecting text; in recent brown cloth. £450

First edition of this influential attack on the idea of a standing army, by David Steuart Erskine, Earl of Buchan. Erskine was a supporter of Fox, an enthusiast for American independence and correspondent of Washington, and the founder of the Society of Antiquaries of Scotland. Here, writing under his customary pseudonym ‘Albanicus’, he argues that the maintenance of a

standing army is incompatible with a 'free state', noting the prohibitions on standing armies in ancient Athens and elsewhere; moreover, their existence made wars more likely, and the removal of so many working-class men from productive employment could only be to the detriment of the country.



REFORM IS TREASON

33. EYRE, *Sir James*. *The Charge delivered ... to enquire of certain high treasons, and misprisions of treason, within the county of Middlesex, to the grand jury ... Thursday, the 2^d day of October, 1794. [London,] Published at the request of the grand jury ... Daniel Isaac Eaton, 1794.*

8vo, pp. 15, [1]; slightly toned, but a good copy in recent brown cloth.

£650

First edition? The judge Sir James Eyre had been in the Privy Council when members of the London Corresponding Society (including Thomas Holcroft) had been first questioned in May 1794, and expressed the view that they were guilty of treason.

‘When the special commission opened at the Old Bailey in October Eyre began by addressing the grand jury on the dangers of “a traiterous and detestable conspiracy ... formed for subverting the existing laws and constitution, and for producing the system of anarchy and confusion which have so fatally prevailed in France”. Admitting that the law applicable to the case was unclear (and doing little to clarify it) he suggested that “men who assemble to procure a Reform in Parliament may involve themselves in the guilt of High Treason” ...

‘Eyre’s charge was printed in several versions, widely circulated, and provoked several replies’, including William Godwin’s famous *Cursory Strictures* (also published by Eaton), in which he ‘accused Eyre of prejudice and ignorance and of inventing a new offence’ (*ODNB*). There was also a quarto edition for a different publisher.

FREEDOM OF THE PRESS

34. **F**ATHER OF CANDOR]. A Letter concerning Libels, warrants, and the seizure of papers; with a view to some late proceedings, and the defence of them by the majority. The second edition, much improved. *London, for J. Almon, 1764.*

8vo, pp. 100; a little light foxing; very good in early twentieth-century half cloth over paper boards; some wear and marks; book label of Anne and F.G. Renier. £300

Second edition, published the same year as the first, of this influential statement of the freedom of the press against charges of seditious libel, in the light of the legal persecution of the journalist and MP John Wilkes, for his published attacks on Lord Bute. The author, whose identity remains unknown, emphasises the principle that it is only wilful untruth that should lead to charges of libel, and that it should be in every instance a civil, and not a criminal matter. The work first appeared under the title *An enquiry into the doctrine, lately propagated, concerning libels, warrants, and the seizure of papers.*

35. [FENWICK, John]. Letters to the people of Great Britain, respecting the present state of the public affairs. *London, H. D. Symonds and D. I. Eaton, [1795].*

8vo, pp. [4], 52; some dustsoiling and dampstaining, especially to gutter; title-page somewhat frayed, and remains of typed note in gutter of B1; otherwise largely clean, in recent brown cloth. £250

First edition(?), rare, of this letter by the playwright and author John Fenwick (1739-1823) on the conduct of and prospects for the war with France prosecuted by Pitt. The letter argues that the people have the means, without resort to violence, to encourage the government away from a ruinous course, and questions the true purpose of a war against a nation who had ‘thought

proper to delegate to an assembly the power of chusing a form of government that might secure her against the return of evils from which she had recently freed herself”.

ESTC records copies at the Massachusetts Historical Society, Massachusetts State, McMaster, Queen’s (Ontario), and Michigan only. There is another issue with Ridgeway and Symonds in the imprint but not Eaton.

36. [FRASER, Simon, *Lord Lovat.*] *Memoirs of the Life of Lord Lovat.* London, M. Cooper, 1746.

8vo, pp. [2], 123, [1, blank]; without half-title; woodcut device to title; light foxing, repaired corners to title; a good copy in recent orange buckram, spine lettered in gilt. £200

First edition of the life of Lord Lovat, published before his trial. A life-long Jacobite conspirator, Simon Fraser, Lord Lovat (1667/8-1747), was closely involved in the uprisings of 1689, 1715, 1719, and 1745. Upon his capture in 1746, he was brought to London and tried before the House of Lords, where he was found guilty and sentenced to death; his execution in 1747 was the last public beheading in the United Kingdom.

The Cooper edition of 1746 exists in a great number of variants, all uncommon, differing in imprint and pagination. The present issue is one of several in pp.123; other printings are in pp.108 or pp.88.



37. [FRASER, Simon, *Lord Lovat*.] *Memoirs of the Life of Lord Lovat*. London, M. Cooper, 1746. [Bound with:]

CANDID AND IMPARTIAL ACCOUNT (A) of the behaviour of Simon Lord Lovat, from the time his death-warrant was deliver'd, to the day of his execution ... By a gentleman who attended his lordship in his last moments. London, J. Newbery; 1747.

Two works, 8vo, pp. [4], 123, [1, blank], with woodcut vignettes on title and p. 123, and an engraved portrait of Lord Lovat inserted after title-page; and pp. 29, [1, advertisements]; some light stains, else good; bound together in recent calf-backed marbled boards, spine ruled in gilt with morocco label lettered in gilt. £400

Good copies of these two works relating to the life and death of the Scottish aristocrat and Jacobite Simon Fraser, Lord Lovat (1667-1747). The *Memoirs* appeared in several issues in the same year, of which the present one is the most substantial; the present copy includes a rather unflattering portrait after Hogarth, engraved by Jacques Aliamet, which we have not found in any other copy.

For the portrait, see BM 1900, 1231.40. I.

DEFENDED BY COLERIDGE

38. FREND, William. *Peace and Union recommended to the associated bodies of republicans and anti-republicans ... The second edition*. Cambridge, B. Flower for G. G. J. and J. Robinson, London, 1793.

8vo, pp. iv, 67, [1]; a very good copy in modern boards.

£250

Second edition, revised. Friend's *Peace and Union*, first printed in St Ives (Cambridgeshire), 'appeared at a critical moment, coinciding with the outbreak of war between France and Britain ... Friend sought to moderate between the "contending parties" in the increasingly acrimonious debate about the French Revolution, "bringing them together, to consult for the common good" but instead it excited sensation. 'Within ten days of the pamphlet's appearance the master and fellows of Jesus denounced Friend, and initiated proceedings which led to his trial by the university authorities' (*ODNB*). He was defended in court by the young Coleridge but still banished from the University.

This second edition contains a new introduction, marks the supposedly offending passages with quotation marks, and adds appendices on the execution of Louis Capet and 'The effect of war on the poor'.

JACOBITE CONSPIRATORS

39. [FRIEND, John, *Sir, and Sir William PARKYNS.*] A collection of four works relating to their trials for high treason. *London, 1696.*

4 works in 1 vol., folio and 4to; very good in recent russet cloth, spine lettered in gilt.

£600

Four works relating to the trials of the Jacobite conspirators Sir John Friend (1640-1696) and Sir William Parkyns (1649-1696), who plotted to assassinate William III and restore the former James II to the throne. Their trials, together with that of their co-conspirator Robert Charnock, were rushed through just days before the Treason Trials Act (which allowed defendants counsel) came into force. 'The accused assassins Charnock and Sir William Parkyns defended themselves ably, but Friend, being ill-educated, unintelligent, and partly deaf, was helpless' (*ODNB*). Friend was convicted in fifteen minutes, and Parkyns in half an hour. They were hanged at Tyburn on 3 April 1696, and their quarters set up on Temple Bar.

Contents:

FRIEND, John, *Sir.* The Arraignment, tryal, and condemnation, of Sir John Friend, knight, for high treason. In endeavouring to procure forces from France to invade this kingdom, and conspiring to levy war in this realm for assisting and abetting the said invasion, in order to the deposing of his sacred majesty King William, and restoring the late king ... *London, for Samuel Heyrick and Isaac Cleve, 1696.* Folio, pp. [4], 44; very slightly browned.

PARKYNS, William, *Sir.* The Arraignment, tryal and condemnation of Sir William Parkyns Knt. for the most horrid and barbarous conspiracy to assassinate his most sacred majesty King William; and for raising of forces, in order to a rebellion, and encouraging a French invasion into this kingdom. Who was found guilty of high-treason, March 24, 1695/6 ... *London, for Samuel Heyrick and Isaac Cleve, 1696.* Folio, pp. [4], 48; closely trimmed at head, touching a few lines of text.

REMARKS on the papers delivered by Sir William Perkins, and Sir John Friend, Kts at the place of their execution. [*London*], *Edw. Jones, 1696.* 4to, pp. 8; uncut.

TRUE COPY (A) of the papers delivered by Sir John Freind, and Sir William Parkyns, to the sheriffs of London and Middlesex, at Tyburn, the place of execution, April the 3^d 1696. *London, for William Rogers, 1696.* Folio, pp. [2].

THE LEGAL MECHANISMS OF SUPPRESSION

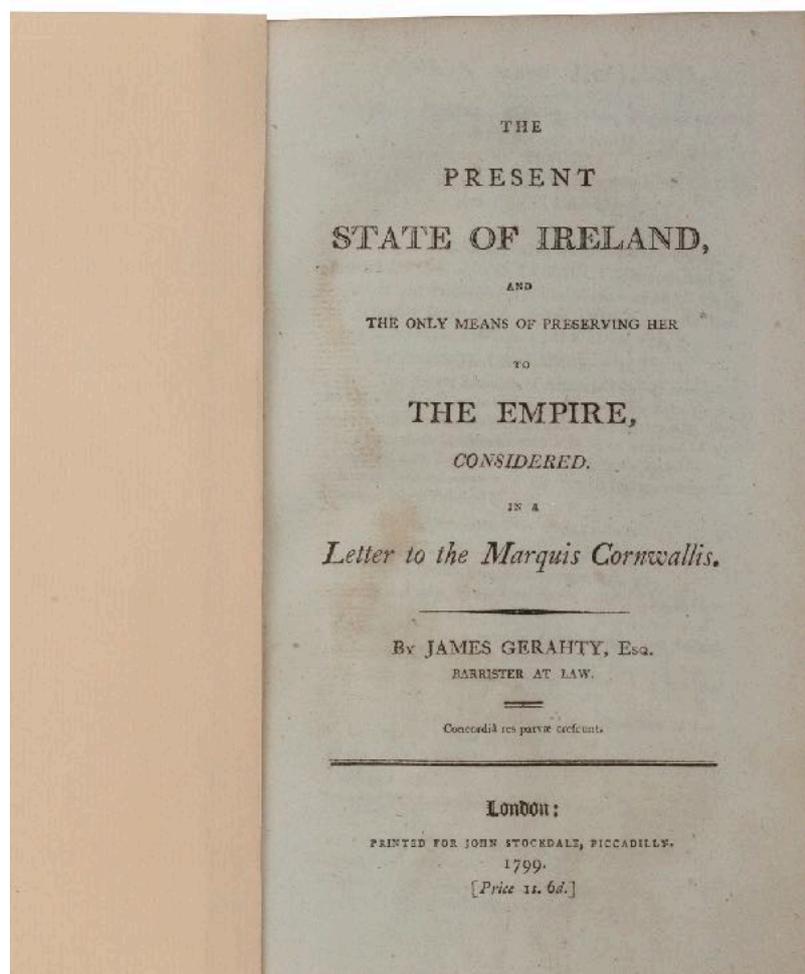
40. **G**EOERGE III.] Five Acts concerning the suspension of habeas corpus, suppression of seditious meetings, and attempts on the King's life. *London, Eyre and Strahan, 1795-1819.*

Five sheets, folio, the first 6 pp., the second 12 pp., the remainder single sheets or bifolia, various numberings; excellent copies, disbound, creased where folded; one ink inscription.

£250

First editions thus, extracted from reports of the proceedings of the Commons.

The two acts of 18 December 1795 concern criminals found to be in contempt of the monarchy, threatening felons with transportation; and with the prevention of seditious meetings and assemblies 'exceeding the number of fifty persons'. The Acts became harsher when assemblies refuse to disperse at the request of the magistrates or JPs: only twelve people are required to constitute a seditious meeting, and one hour from the time of the request to disperse, such persons are to be subject to the death penalty. The Act of 21 April 1798 concerned the suspension of habeas corpus, allowing the government to keep prisoners suspected of treason incarcerated until February of the following year. The Act of 28 July 1800 imposed the death penalty for direct attempts upon the King's life. The Act for 22 June 1819 is, by contrast, less oppressive; abolishing the writ of appeal for high treason, murder, and felony, essentially meaning defendants acquitted in treason trials could not be retried by another court (which naturally required the suspension of habeas corpus), and belatedly abolishing trial by combat as 'a mode of trial not fit to be used'.



UNION WITH IRELAND

41. GERAGHTY, James. *The Present State of Ireland, and the only means of preserving her to the empire, considered in a letter to the Marquis Cornwallis. London, John Stockdale, 1799.*

8vo, pp. [2], [2, advertisements], 3-84; aside from occasional light marginal staining, and the odd mark, clean and fresh throughout; in recent paper wrappers. £200

First edition of this letter on the relationship of Britain and Ireland in the immediate runup to the Act of Union between the two countries. Little is known of the author, a barrister whose name is here misspelled 'Gerahty'; a second letter to Cornwallis, expanding on the present one, also appeared in the same year. Here, he praises Cornwallis for having 'effected the public safety but without violation of the law, or departure from the duties of humanity', in the face of a conspiracy unmatched since the days of Catiline.

Another issue, of pp. [2], 16, 19-50, appeared in the same year.

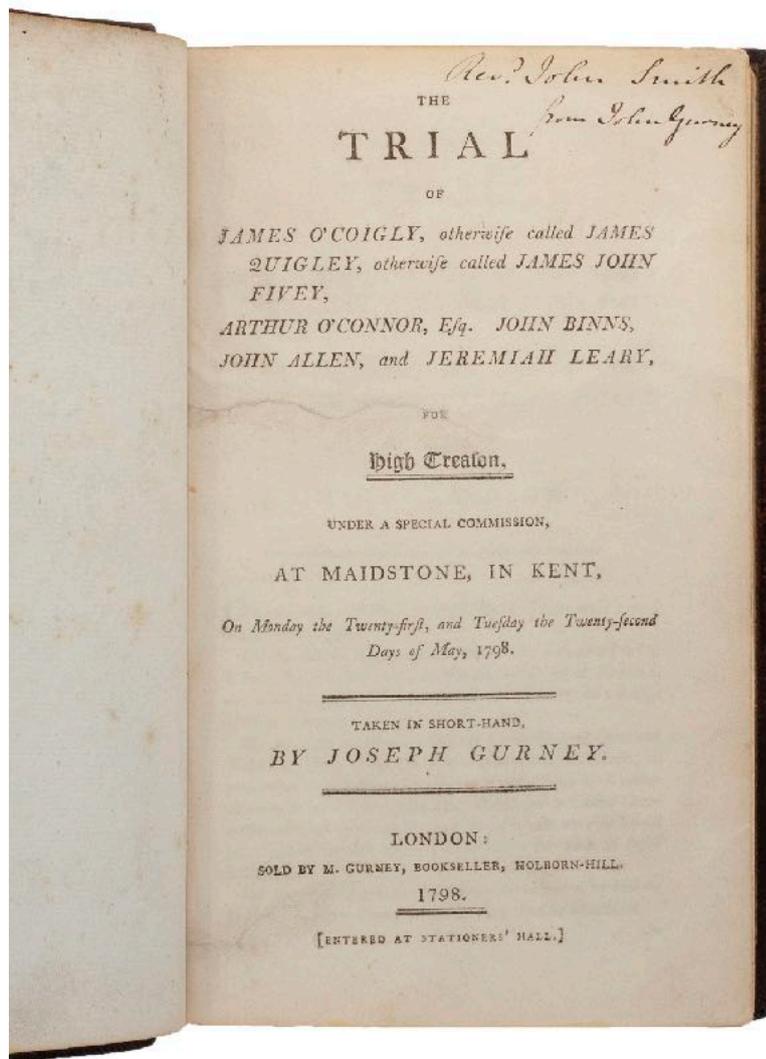
SENTENCED TO TRANSPORTATION

42. [GERRALD, Joseph.] *Authentic biographical Anecdotes of Joseph Gerrald, a delegate to the British Convention in Scotland from the London Corresponding Society, and who is now on his passage to New Holland for having acted in that capacity; according to the sentence of the High Court of Justiciary at Edinburgh, March the 14th, 1794. Written by a friend, who knew him in the year 1795. The second edition. London, Daniel Isaac Eaton, 1795.*

8vo, [2], 30; tear to lower corner of B2, not affecting text; some marginal dustsoiling and staining; sporadic annotations in ink in a variety of hands, both contemporary and nineteenth century; disbound, leaving traces of leather spine. £450

Second edition, scarce, of a popular biographical sketch of the political reformer Joseph Gerrald, published in the aftermath of his conviction for sedition in March 1794. Gerrald was sentenced to 14 years transportation; not long after his arrival in Sydney, he died of tuberculosis. The present biography verges on hagiography: 'Let us cherish the pleasing prospect ... when learning shall be admired, and virtue be respected in every condition of man; then shall our rising youth be taught to hail the genius of a Gerrald' (p. 27).

ESTC shows BL only in UK of any early edition.



THE UNITED IRISHMEN, A PRESENTATION COPY

43. GURNEY, John. *The Trial of James O'Coigly, otherwise called Quigley, otherwise called James John Fivey, Arthur Connor, Esq. John Binns, John Allen, and Jeremiah Leary, for High Treason ... on Monday, the twenty-first, and Tuesday the twenty-second days of May. Taken in short-hand ... London, M. Gurney, 1798.*

8vo, pp. 539, iv, [1]; tear through title-page repaired, else a good copy in contemporary calf, rebacked; presentation inscription to title-page.

£250

First edition, inscribed to 'Revd John Smith / from John Gurney'. An account of the trial of Father James Coigly, a priest and leader of the United Irishmen, who was arrested, along with four others, en route to France in bearing a letter to the French Revolutionary Government calling for an invasion of England. He was hanged in 1798. Arthur O'Connor, also arrested, was acquitted but immediately re-arrested and imprisoned until 1802, after which he became a general in Napoleon's army.

Gurney came from family of noted stenographers, but was himself better known as a barrister, defending Daniel Isaac Eaton, Thomas Hardy, and John Horne Tooke in the 1790s, and later prosecuting the Cato Street conspirators in 1820.

44. **H**ARLEY, Robert, *Earl of Oxford and Mortimer.*] The Tryal of Robert, Earl of Oxford and Earl Mortimer, upon the Impeachment of the House of Commons exhibited against him for High Treason, and other High Crimes and Misdemeanours, begun in Westminster-Hall on Monday the 24th Day of June 1717, and from thence continued, by several Adjournments, to the first Day of July following, with the Proceedings relating to the said Tryal, published by Order of the House of Peers. *London, Jacob Tonson, 1717.*

Folio, pp. [2], 69, [1, blank]; light toning with occasional spots, margins closely trimmed; recent non-pareil marbled boards, printed paper label to spine. £125

First edition of the trial of the Earl of Oxford for his negotiation of the Treaty of Utrecht. Out of favour on the accession of George I, Oxford was impeached allegedly due to his involvement in the Treaty of Utrecht, which was seen to have betrayed allies including the electorate of Hanover. When brought before the House of Lords, however, he was quickly acquitted.

45. HASTINGS, Warren. A Letter to the Court of Directors of the East-India Company from Warren Hastings, Esq. Governor-General of Bengal. Dated, Fort-William, March 20, 1783. *London, Robinson, 1783.*

8vo, pp. 47, [1, blank]; typographic ornaments; an excellent copy in recent marbled boards, spine label, edges stained red. £350

First and only edition, scarce. A work of propaganda by Warren Hastings, beleaguered Governor-General of Bengal, at the height of the criticism levelled at him by rivals at home, including Philip Francis, and Charles James Fox, whose coalition administration came to a close not long after his attempted East India Bill to curb Hastings's alleged excesses. Hastings is most concerned to refute allegations that he had mistreated a 'native prince', Rajah Cheit Singh, whose subsequent failed rebellion had greatly tarnished the Governor-General's reputation.

46. HOLCROFT, Thomas. A Letter to the right honourable William Windham, on the intemperance and dangerous tendency of his public conduct. Second Edition. *London, H.D. Symonds, 1795.*

8vo, pp. 50; wanting the half-title; some browning and dustsoiling throughout, especially to final leaf; in recent brown cloth. £200

Second edition, rare, of this open letter from the dramatist, poet, and Jacobin sympathiser Thomas Holcroft (1749-1809) to William Windham, a hawkish independent MP, and disciple of Burke. Holcroft had recently been acquitted of charges of high treason, after his republican activism, which involved assisting in the publication of the first part of Paine's *The Rights of Man*. The verdict of the court, however, did not stop Windham from referring to Holcroft and others as 'acquitted felons' in Parliament; here, Holcroft attacks Windham's casual contempt for the rule of law, his new enthusiasm for war, and his violent conduct.

ESTC records three copies only: British Library; Harvard, and Minnesota.

47. [HOWARD.] AIKIN, John. *A View of the character and public services of the late John Howard, Esq. LL.D. F.R.S. London, J. Johnson, 1792.*

8vo, pp. [2], 248; with frontispiece portrait of Howard; some dampstaining to portrait; very good in recent quarter orange cloth over cream boards, spine lettered in gilt. £250

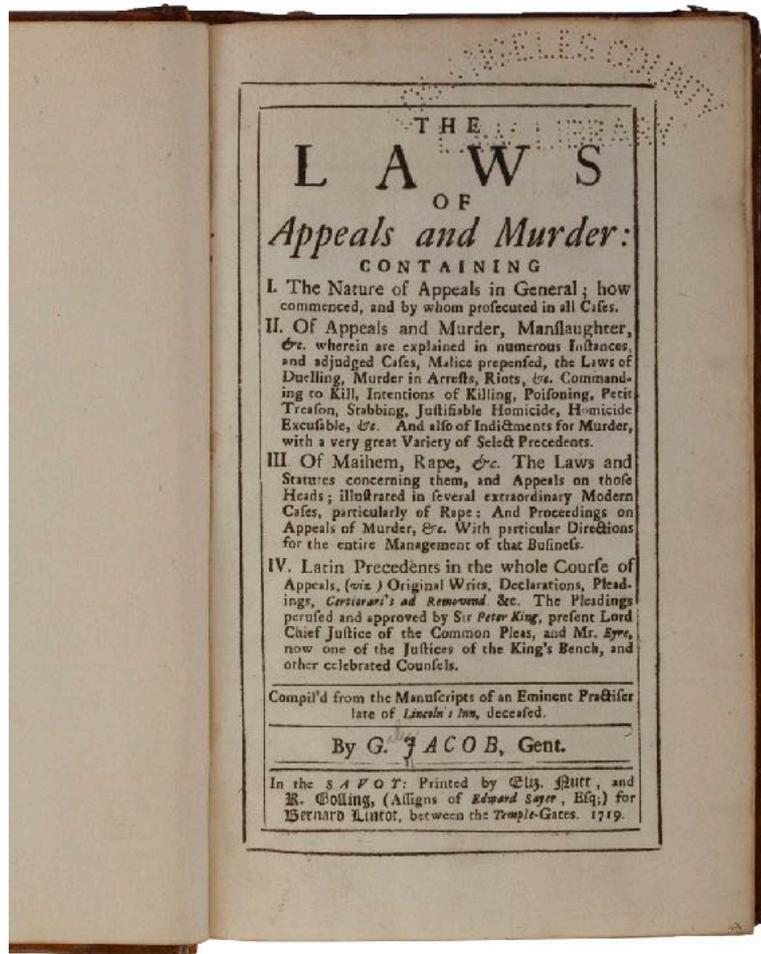
First edition of this biography of the philanthropist and prison reformer John Howard (1726?-1790), by his friend and editorial assistant John Aikin. 'This useful biography went through three English editions, and it was also translated into German and French. Its value lies mainly in its factual detail, for it contains letters and other information not subsequently available. Besides this, it is a personal memoir' (Southwood, p. 11).

A BLUNDERBUSS OF LAW

48. **J**ACOB, Giles. *The Laws of Appeals and Murder: containing I. The nature of appeals in general ... II. Of appeals and murder, manslaughter etc. ... III. Of maihem, rape etc. ... IV. Latin precedents in the whole course of appeals ... Compil'd from the manuscripts of an eminent practiser late of Lincoln's Inn, deceased ... [London,] In the Savoy, Eliz. Nutt and R. Gosling for Bernard Lintot, 1719.*

8vo, pp. [8], 202, [22, index and final advertisement leaf]; text in English and Latin; very good in contemporary calf, gilt-lettered red morocco spine label, endpapers renewed; somewhat worn; stamp of 'Law Library of Los Angeles County' to covers and endpapers, their bookplate to front pastedown, and their perforated stamp at head of title. £650

First edition, very rare, of this legal treatise on appeals, murder, manslaughter, and rape compiled by the legal and literary author Giles Jacob (1686-1744), described in Pope's *Dunciad* as



a 'blunderbuss of law'. Another edition by the same printers and publisher appeared the same year, adding an appeal from a trial of 1709 (pp. 203-216).

Jacob was a prolific author of legal texts, his output including, besides this work, *The compleat court-keeper* (1713), *Lex constitutionis* (1719), *A new law dictionary* (1729, his most enduring and successful work), and *Every man his own lawyer* (1736).

ESTC records two copies only, at Dublin Honourable Society of King's Inn, and Harvard. There is also a copy at the National Library of Ireland, mistakenly recorded under the second issue.

49. [JEFFREYS, George.] *The Life and Character of the late Lord Chancellor Jefferys [sic]. London, J. Pottinger and J. Seymour, 1764.*

8vo, pp. 54; without the final advertisement leaf; composite typographic ornament to title; title lightly dust-stained; a very good copy in modern orange buckram, spine lettered directly in gilt. £75

Third edition (not stated as such) of an anonymous critical life of Judge Jeffreys, first published twice in 1725, with a 'List of the Persons who were condemned and suffered'.

ESTC records seven copies only.

WORKS WRITTEN IN PRISON

50. JENKINS, David. Jenkinsius redivivus: or the works of that grave, learned, truly-loyal, and courageous judge Jenkins, whilst a prisoner in the tower, and Newgate ... Very reasonable to be perused, by all such, as would not be deluded by the unparallel'd arbitrary proceedings, and seditious pamphlets of this licentious and ingrateful age. *London, Jo. Hindmarsh, 1681.*

12mo, pp. [34], 213, [3, blank], without frontispiece portrait; each work with own title (included in pagination); short closed tear to title fore-edge, slightly browned; very good in recent brown cloth, spine lettered gilt. £200

First edition of this selection of works by the royalist judge David Jenkins (1582-1663), reprinting a number of tracts from 1647 during his imprisonment, including *Lex terrae* (his most important work), *The armies indemnity*, *The cordial ... for the good people of London*, and his *Plea delivered in to the Earl of Manchester*. The context for republication in 1681 was the machinations and ramifications of the Popish Plot.

Wing J592.

51. [JOHNSON, Samuel]. Dr. Johnson's Table-Talk: containing aphorisms on literature, life, and manners; with anecdotes of distinguished persons: selected and arranged from Boswell's Life of Johnson. *London, Dilly, 1798.*

8vo, pp. [4], 446, [1, contents], [1, blank], the preliminary contents leaf bound at the end; a good copy in modern black morocco, spine gilt. £100

First edition thus, edited from Boswell's *Life*; an earlier collection of *Table-Talk*, compiled by Stephen Jones, had appeared in 1785.

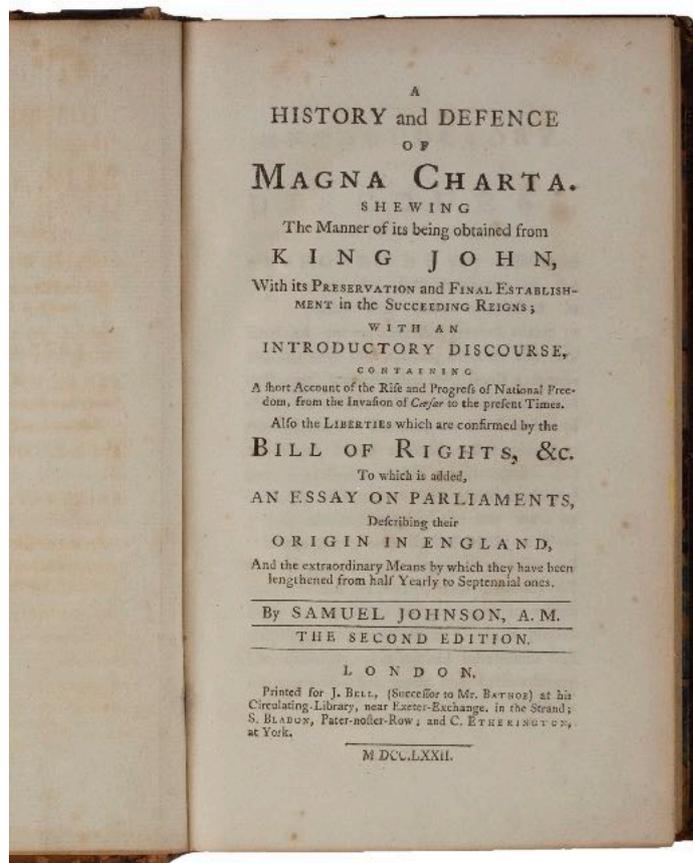
CHANDOS LEIGH'S COPY

52. JOHNSON, Samuel. A History and Defence of Magna Charta ... the second edition. London, J. Bell, 1772.

8vo, pp. [2], 'lxii' (*i.e.* lii), 284; some foxing at extremities, else a good copy in contemporary calf, rebaked; book label of Chandos Leigh, Baron Leigh, cousin of Jane Austen and friend of Byron and Leigh Hunt. £125

Second edition, first published in 1769, of a study of Magna Carta by the clergyman and pamphleteer Samuel Johnson (1649-1703, not the lexicographer above). Published

posthumously, it includes parallel text translations on pp. 148-235 of the French text and of the Latin articles on which it is based.



53. **K** EIR, James]. *An Account of the Life and Writings of Thomas Day, Esq.* London, John Stockdale, 1791.

8vo, pp. iii, [1, blank], 144; a few light spots; a very good copy in modern tan buckram, spine lettered directly in gilt.

£400

First edition of the first biography of Day. An author, political radical, and ardent student of Rousseau's ideas on education, Thomas Day (1748-1789) was eccentric and often self-contradictory. A supporter of the American Revolution and opponent of slavery, he had published in 1780 three speeches in favour of peace and parliamentary reform; later writings were largely instructive fiction for children.

The present account was written by James Keir, Day's friend and a fellow member of the Lunar Society of Birmingham, and dedicated to his widow, Esther *née* Milnes. A later account, 'vicious and inaccurate' (*ODNB*), was published by Anna Seward in 1804 and has done much to damage his reputation.

TIPS FOR TRICKY LAWYERS

54. **L**AW QUIBBLES. Or a treatise of the evasions, tricks, turns and quibbles, commonly used in the profession of the law ... The second edition. *Dublin, Samuel Fairbrother, 1724.*

8vo, pp. [6], 85, [3], 50; 'An Essay on the amendment, and reduction, of the laws' has a separate title-page and pagination; some scattered foxing and soiling, withal a good copy in late eighteenth-century calf; early ownership inscription to title-page, armorial crest to spine of the Irish general George Forbes, 6th Earl of Granard; stamps to title versos of the American lawyer and activist J. Wesley Miller. £275

First Dublin edition, first printed in London in the same year and several times reprinted.

55. [LAYER, Christopher.] Tract colume of four works relating to the trial of Christopher Layer. *Dublin, Thomas Hume, 1723.*

Four works in one volume, folio; foxing, a few paper-flaws; contemporary Cambridge-panelled calf; rubbed and scuffed, joints split; contemporary manuscript index to front free endpaper. £250

A volume of scarce first Dublin editions of reports relating to the Jacobite conspirator Christopher Layer. With the support of the Pretender, Christopher Layer attempted to exploit discontent following the collapse of the South Sea Company, planning a rising for the autumn of 1722. The government soon, however learned of the plot: Layer was arrested on 18 September, tried and convicted in November, and hanged, drawn, and quartered the following year.

Contents:

REPORT (A) from the Committee appointed by Order of the House of Commons to examine Christopher Layer, and others ... by the Right Honourable William Pulteney, Esq., Chairman of the said Committee, together with the Appendixes containing Examinations, Letters, and other Papers ... *Dublin, Thomas Hume, 1723.* Folio, pp. 47, 46-74. Two copies only in ESTC: Cashel Cathedral and National Library of Ireland).

APPENDIXES refer'd to in the Report from the Committee appointed by Order of the House of Commons to examine Christopher Layer, and others, & c. ... *Dublin, Thomas Hume, 1723.* Folio, pp. [2], 5-8, 5-8 (duplicate sig. B), 9-20, 3-9, [1, blank], 55, 1, 32, 22, 50, 14, [2], 5-11, [1], 3-17, [1, blank], 12, 11-12, 2. Six copies in ESTC.

REPORT (A) from the Lords Committees to whom the Report and original Papers delivered by the House of Commons at several Conferences were referred, and who were empowered by the House of Lords to examine Christopher Layer, and such other Persons as they from Time to Time should think proper ... *Dublin, Thomas Hume, 1723.* Folio, pp. 24, 23-38. Six copies in ESTC.

WHOLE PROCEEDINGS (The) upon the Arraignment, Tryal, Conviction, and Attainder of Christopher Layer, Esq., for High Treason, in Compassing and Imagining the Death of the King ... *Dublin, Thomas Hume, 1723*. Folio, pp. [2], 130; old repair to title and final leaf, the first partially covering imprimatur. Seven copies in ESTC.

56. LENNOX, Charles, *Duke of Richmond*. *A Letter from his Grace the Duke of Richmond to Lieutenant Colonel Sharman ... With notes by a member of the society for constitutional information*. Third edition. *London, J. Smith and J. Burks, 1795*.

8vo, pp. 16; rather toned; red stamps of a defunct mercantile library.

£50

Third edition thus. Richmond's letter (first published 1783) advocating universal suffrage and annual elections was read at length during the treason trials of Hardy and Horne Tooke in November 1794. It was first reprinted in this form (with the added notes) in 1792. **The publisher of this edition, J. Smith, was himself in prison for high treason at the time.**

57. [LILBURNE.] [WALKER, Clement]. *The Triall of Lieut. Collonell John Lilburne, by an extraordinary or special commission, of oyear and terminer ... the 24, 25, 26. of Octob. 1649. Being as exactly pen'd and taken in short hand, as it was possible to be done in such a croud and noise ... Published by Theodorus Verax ... London, Henry Hills, 1649*.

4to, pp. [4], 166, [2], with an 'imprimatur' leaf (by Lilburne), but wanting the engraved portrait; lower outer corner of final leaf torn away with some loss (a facsimile provided); else a good copy, uncut, in recent quarter cloth.

£500

First edition of this full transcription of Lilburne's trial for treason in 1649.

'Lilburne's denial of the revolutionary regime's legitimacy, his calls to armed resistance, and suspicions of a royalist Leveller alliance persuaded the authorities to bring him to trial for treason at the Guildhall on 24-5 October ... he brought a barrage of objections against the details of the proceedings and against the evidence that his prosecutors provided of his authorship. Having successfully persuaded the jury to the proper outrage of the judges that they were judges of law as well as fact, he was pronounced guiltless. The legalities were hardly the issue. Popular enthusiasm was all, expressed in a packed court with open doors and swirling crowds outside, and his acquittal was marked with bonfires' (*ODNB*). He was released on 8 November, and settled down to 'quiet' life with parallel careers in law and as a soap-boiler.

Wing W338.

58. LUDLOW, Edmund. *A Letter from Major General Ludlow to Sir E. S. comparing the tyranny of the first four years of King Charles the Martyr, with the tyranny of the four years reign of the late abdicated King ... Amsterdam, 1691.*

4to, pp. [2], 30; cut close at the head shaving or cropping pagination; title-page dusty, else a good copy in nineteenth-century quarter roan; armorial bookplate. £175

One of three editions with slight variants. Ludlow, which may be a pseudonym, was a Republican pamphleteer active in the years immediately after the Glorious Revolution.

Wing L1489.

59. **M**ANSFIELD, William Murray, *Earl of*]. *The Thistle, a dispassionate examine of the prejudice of Englishmen in general to the Scotch nation; and particularly of a late arrogant insult offered to all Scotchmen, by a modern English journalist. In a letter to the Author of Old England of Dec. 27, 1746. The second edition. London, Carpenter, [1747].*

8vo, pp. 52; tear to corner of C4, clumsily restored, small hole to F3 affecting one or two words, one or two edges a little chipped, occasional spotting, else a good copy, uncut in recent cloth, spine gilt. £75

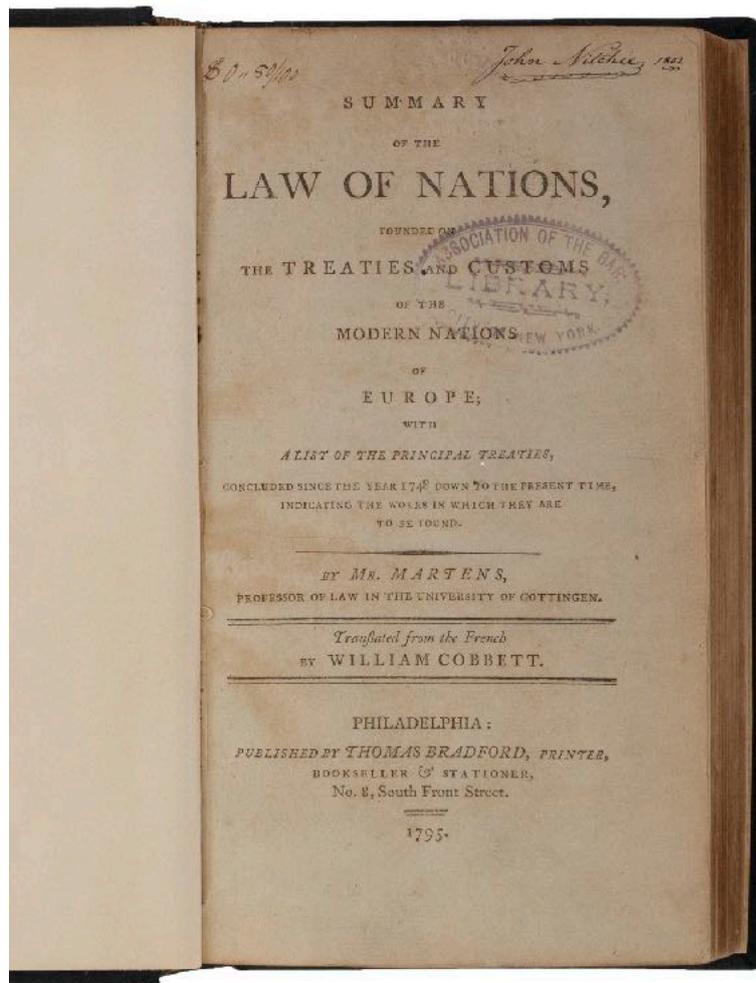
‘Second edition’, one of several editions to appear in the same year under Carpenter’s imprint, signed ‘Aretine’ by the author, who was a Scottish MP and Lord Chief Justice. There were two printings, this with an ornate fleur-de-lis ornament on the title-page.

DEDICATED TO GEORGE WASHINGTON

60. MARTENS, Georg Friedrich de; William COBBETT, *translator*. *Summary of the law of nations, founded on the treaties and customs of the modern nations of Europe; with a list of the principal treaties, concluded since the year 1748 down to the present time, indicating the works in which they are to be found ... Translated from the French ... Philadelphia, Thomas Bradford, 1795.*

8vo, pp. xix, [1], 379, [1, blank]; with list of subscribers at end; slightly browned, a little light foxing; very good in recent black cloth, gilt spine labels; signature of John Nitchie (1802) and price at head of title, ink and blind embossed stamps of the Association of the Bar Library, New York, to title. £250

First edition of this translation of *Precis du droit des gens modernes de l’Europe* (1789) by the German jurist and diplomat Martens (1756-1821), rendered into English by the radical and



farmer William Cobbett (1763-1835). The work begins with a dedication to George Washington by the printer Thomas Bradford, and includes an interesting list of subscribers (the London bookseller James Rivington ordered 100 copies).

The contents cover, *inter alia*, European governments, treaties, constitutions, commerce, sovereigns, embassies, and war and peace.

61. MARVELL, Andrew, John DRYDEN, *et al.* A Collection of Poems on affairs of state ... by Mr Dryden, Mr Sprat, and Mr Walker. By A--- M l Esq; and other eminent wits. Most whereof never before printed. *London, 1689.*

Three parts in one volume, 4to, pp. '33' [*recte* 32], [2], 30, 30; many marginal paper repairs, browning and foxing throughout; in recent half calf, marbled boards, gilt-lettered morocco label on spine. £400

First edition of this much-reprinted collection of satirical poems by, among others, Andrew Marvell. Most of the poems, mocking the corruption and venality of the Stuart court, had circulated in manuscript form for decades, but it was only after the Revolution of 1688 that it was thought safe to print them, even though some of the authors had been dead for a number of

years. Marvell's poems here include the 'Dialogue between two horses' and the 'Instructions to a painter'; included also is Dryden's 'Heroick Stanzas' on the death of Cromwell, now reassessed in the light of the Stuart reign.

This volume contains three parts; several more were added over the next fifteen years.

Wing C5167A; Pforzheimer 670.

62. MORE REASONS for a Reform in Parliament contained in letters to the following persons, viz. To the President of the Society for the Relief and Discharge of Persons imprisoned for Small Debts [etc. etc.] ... *London, James Ridgway, 1793.*

8vo, pp. 15, [1]; a good copy, disbound.

£50

First edition thus, printing four anonymous letters previously published in periodicals. Another issue, with 'J. Ridgway' in the imprint, adds a final addendum leaf.

63. MORE, Thomas; Gilbert BURNET, *translator*. Utopia, containing an impartial History of the Manners, Customs, Polity, Government, &c., of that Island, written in Latin ... and interspersed with many important Articles of secret History, relating to the State of the British Nation ... to this Edition is added, an Account of Sir Thomas More's Life. *London, Daniel Isaac Eaton, 1795.*

8vo, pp. viii, liv, [2, errata, blank], 142, [2, blank]; very occasional spots, light damp-stains to later leaves; a very good copy in contemporary English mottled sheep, spine gilt-ruled in compartments with gilt red morocco lettering-piece; lightly rubbed at extremities, end-caps chipped, splits to joints; a few contemporary markings in ink; bookplate of the Essex Institute, presented by Daniel A. White.

£400

First Eaton edition, published as part of his series of 'Political Classics'.

64. **N**ORTH, Francis, *Baron Guildford*. The Examination of Captain William Bedlow deceased, relating to the Popish Plot, taken in his last sickness, by Sir Francis North, Chief Justice of Common Pleas ... *London, assigns of John Bill, Thomas Newcomb, and Henry Hills, 1680.*

Folio, pp. 16; woodcut royal arms to title, woodcut initials; loss to blank upper outer corner of first leaf (repaired) and some creasing and marking, title dusty; else good in recent green cloth.

£100

First edition. 'Opportunistic rogue, fraud, and criminal' (*ODNB*), William Bedloe (1650-1680) was one of those involved in the Popish Plot conspiracy under Titus Oates. 'His rambling evidence

led to the deaths of a number of innocent people. Although he was less odious, except to his victims, than Titus Oates, Bedloe's imposing personality and opportunism seem to have led his dupes not to see through his elaborate and, to a neutral eye, improbable lies until it was too late' (*ibid.*).

Wing G2215.

65. **O**ATES, Titus]. A Display of tyranny; or remarks upon the illegal & arbitrary proceedings in the courts of Westminster, from the year, 1678 to the abdication of the late King James, in the year 1688. First part. *London, 1689.* [*Bound with:*]

_____. The Second part of the display of tyranny ... *London, 1690.*

Two vols in one, small 8vo, pp. [18], 262; [16], 340; offset to first title and final page from turn-ins; else a good copy in contemporary calf, rebacked. £500

First and only editions of both parts. Oates had been convicted for perjury in 1685 under Judge Jeffreys, who led the prosecution from the bench. Jeffreys's grudge was personal as he had acted as counsel in the cases in which Oates's false testimony had led to convictions during the Popish Plot trials of 1679 (*see item 76 below*). Jeffreys assumed Oates's guilt throughout, and pronounced a fierce sentence: an impossible fine of £100,000, whipping and the pillory every year, and life imprisonment. On his release in 1689, Oates took up the cudgel once more with the present works.

Wing O35 and O52.

66. OSBORNE, Thomas, *Earl of Danby*. Articles of Impeachment of high treason and other high crimes ... against Thomas Earl of Danby Lord High Treasurer of England ... [*London, 1678*].

4to, pp. 7, [1]; drop-head title; one manuscript correction to p. 5; a very good copy in modern brown cloth. £100

One of several contemporary printings, priority uncertain. Thomas Osborne, then Lord Danby and later Duke of Leeds, led the government from 1674 until 1678, when he was impeached for, effectively, having carried out government policy. He was voted guilty by the Commons but the Lords were still in debate when Parliament was dissolved; he was forced to resign in the new Parliament but was pardoned by the King.

Wing A3858A.

67. **P**AINE, Thomas. *Miscellaneous articles ... Consisting of A letter to the Marquis of Lansdowne. A letter to the authors of the Republican. A letter to the Abbe Syeyes. Thoughts on the peace, and the probable advantages thereof. First letter to Mr. Secretary Dundas. Letter to Lord Onslow. Second letter to Mr. Dundas. And a letter to the people of France. London, J. Ridgway; 1792.*

12mo, pp. 36; a little light foxing; very good in recent orange cloth, spine lettered in gilt.

£250

First edition of *Miscellaneous articles*, a collection in cheap format of letters on liberty and government taken from contemporary pamphlets and periodicals, letters that went through many editions as public tensions mounted.

RIGHTS OF MAN, BUT NOT AS WE KNOW IT

68. PAINE, Thomas, *attributed author*. *The Rights of Man. For the use and benefit of all mankind. London, 'Citizen' Daniel Isaac Eaton, 1795.*

8vo, pp. [2], 151, [1, blank], [4, advertisements]; some marking, occasional marginal notes, and ink marks to pp. 100 and 101, obscuring text but not sense; in recent maroon cloth, title in gilt on spine; lacking preface (perhaps never there?).

£1000

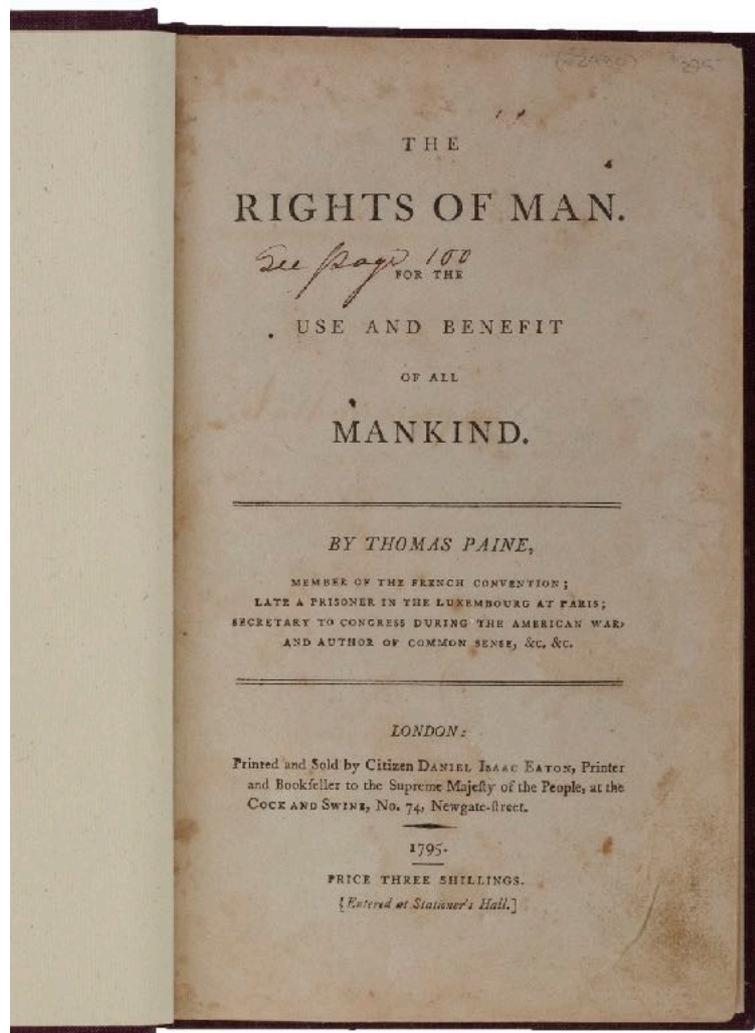
First and only edition, a completely different text from Paine's famous *Rights of Man; being an answer to Mr. Burke's attack on the French Revolution*, this one printed by the radical publisher Daniel Isaac Eaton (here styling himself 'Citizen').

Paine's *Rights of Man* had first appeared in 1791, published by Joseph Johnson, with a second part appearing in 1792. The present text differs from both the first and second parts, and appears to be unique to this printing. *The Proceedings on the trial of Daniel Isaac Eaton* (1793) refers to Eaton's selling 'a supposed libel', namely the second part of *Rights of Man*, all copies of which must now be lost or destroyed. The present text, probably spurious and most likely a paraphrase of Paine's ideas, might well have been Eaton's attempt to bypass restrictions placed upon his printing of Paine's original text.

This work is often found with a short preface purportedly written by Paine from the Luxembourg prison, though this was acknowledged to be spurious (Conway) and is not found in this copy. Our copy does, however, contain **four pages of publisher's advertisements at the end not mentioned by ESTC, in which Eaton articulates the ways in which he is censored by the newspapers**: 'The venal prostituted daily papers in the pay of our virtuous Heaven-born minister, of which number is the *Times*, having refused repeatedly to insert my publications, and having, for once, declared an honest truth, that they were ordered to do so ... I here take the liberty of assuring my friends, that, ever thankful for favours received, I shall and will most assiduously and

punctually execute any order they may favour me with, for any book or books they may not be able to procure of their own booksellers’.

Goldsmiths’ 16490 ; *see* Moncure D. Conway’s collected edition of Paine’s works (1894), in which he called the preface ‘manifestly spurious’.



69. PAINE, Thomas. *The Decline and Fall of the English system of finance ... Twelfth edition.* Paris, Hartley, Adlard and Son, London, D. I. Eaton, 1796.

8vo, pp. 32; a very good copy in recent quarter cloth and stiff card, a few creases, gilt, card lettering-piece to front board, gilt; ticket to front pastedown. £125

‘Twelfth edition’, first published the same year, of Paine’s denunciation of Pitt and Britain’s system of stock-jobbing and speculation; excessive borrowing; and unsecured lending by the banks. The message is: ‘the French do it better’.

Numerous editions appeared in Paris and the United States, though very few English booksellers appeared willing to put their names to it, and the London editions (of which there are at least fourteen) are rare. The claim on the title-page that Eaton might have had the work entered at Stationers' Hall seems unlikely.

70. PARKYNS, William, *Sir*. The Arraignment, tryal and condemnation of Sir William Parkins Knt. for the most horrid and barbarous conspiracy to assassinate his most sacred majesty King William; and for raising of forces, in order to a rebellion, and encouraging a French invasion into this kingdom. Who was found guilty of high-treason, March 24, 1695/6 ... *London, for Samuel Heyrick and Isaac Cleve, 1696.*

Folio, pp. [4], 48; light dampstaining at end, a few marks; good; disbound.

£300

First edition of this account of the trial of Sir William Parkyns (1649-1696), who plotted to assassinate William III and restore the former James II to the throne. His trial, and those of his co-conspirators, was rushed through before the Treason Trials Act (which allowed defendants counsel) came into force. Parkyns defended himself ably but was convicted in half an hour, and was hanged, drawn, and quartered at Tyburn on 3 April 1696.

71. [PARLIAMENT, HOUSE OF LORDS.] A Complete collection of protests from the year M.DC.XLI. to the present year M.DCC.XXXVII. *London, for W. Webb, 1737.*

8vo, pp. [12], '470' [*i.e.* 472]; woodcut initial and head-piece; very light foxing to title; very good in contemporary calf; somewhat worn; armorial bookplate of Swynfen Jervis of the Middle Temple to verso of title.

£200

An interesting collection of protests made in the House of Lords between 1641 and 1736. The contents cover, besides much else: houses demolished in the Great Fire of London, preventing dangers from disaffected persons, dealing with 'Popish' recusants, Titus Oates, mutiny and desertion, the suspension of *habeas corpus*, and the South Sea Company.

DON'T CELEBRATE BASTILLE DAY

72. [PARR, Samuel]. A Letter from Irenopolis to the inhabitants of Eleutheropolis; or, a serious address to the dissenters of Birmingham. By a member of the established Church. The second edition. *Birmingham, John Thompson for C. Dilly, 1792.*

8vo, pp. 40, [2, 'advertisement' and errata]; a very good copy in recent blue wrappers, paper label to upper cover; spine faded. £150

Second edition of this letter, dated 17 May 1792, in which Parr (1747-1825) urges Birmingham dissenters not to celebrate the anniversary of the French Revolution on 14 July. The postscript of 24 September added to this edition notes that: 'Through the good sense and moderation of the persons to whom this pamphlet was addressed, the meeting which it was designed to discourage, was happily not holden.'

73. [PENN, William.] *The Tryal of William Penn, and William Mead, at the sessions held at the Old-Baily, in London ... Sept. 1670; for unlawfully and tumultuously assembling in Grace-Chruch-Street ... London, J. How, T. Harrison, and J. Baker, 1710.*

8vo, pp. 16; a good copy in modern mustard cloth. £75

First edition under this title, a re-print of the trial portion only of *The Peoples ancient and just liberties asserted in the tryal of William Penn, and William Mead* (1670).

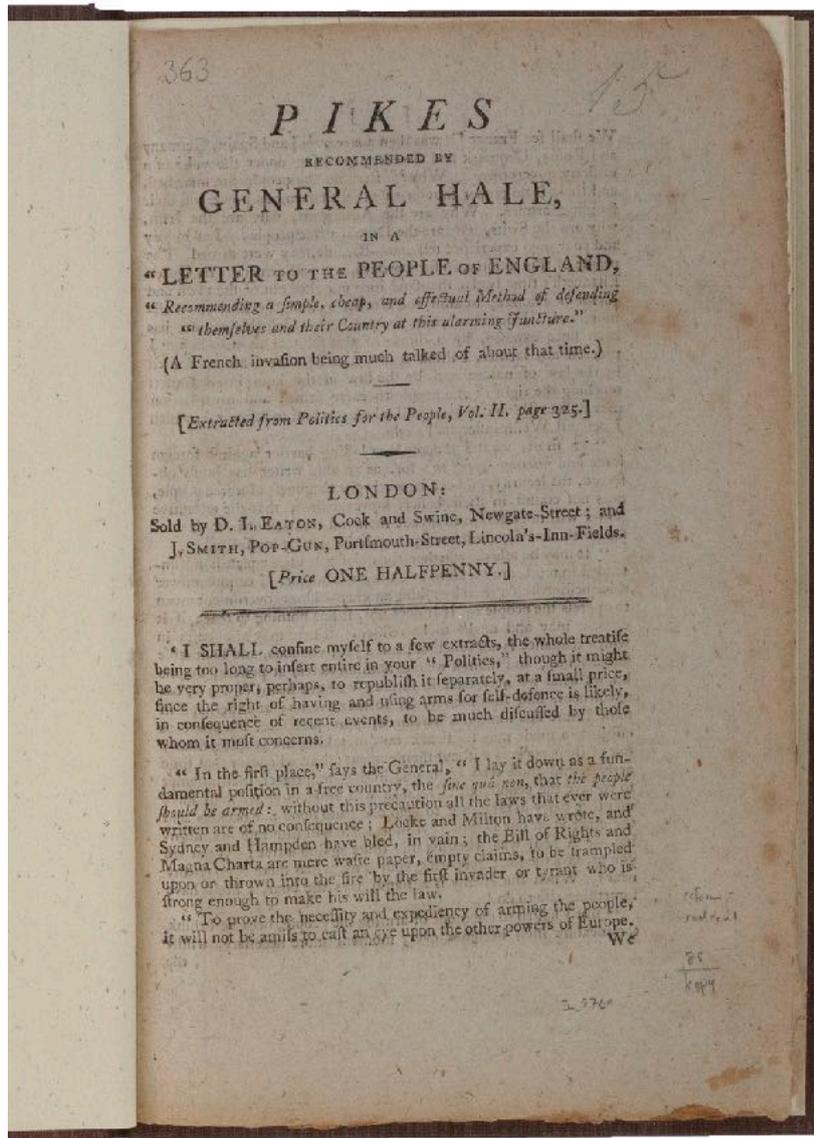
74. [PIGOTT, Charles]. *The Whig Club, or a Sketch of modern Patriotism, comprising the following Characters: Mr. F x, Lord H d, [and 72 others] &c. &c. &c. London, W. Priest, 1794.*

8vo, pp. iv, 220; light foxing, dust-staining to title, offsetting to final leaf; a good copy in recent blue buckram, spine lettered in gilt; disguised names identified in ink and pencil, a newspaper clipping dated 1914 tipped in. £225

First edition of Pigott's satirical *ad homines* attack on the Whigs. *The Whig Club* 'offered a scurrilous account of élite London society, with which [Pigott] seems to have been well acquainted' (*ODNB*). **An early hand here has provided the identities of many concealed names.**

The text was issued also by Crosby, and both Priest and Crosby released a second edition within the year.

75. *PIKES RECOMMENDED* by General Hale, in a letter to the People of England, recommending a simple, cheap, and effectual method of defending "themselves and their country at this alarming juncture." (A French invasion being much talked of about that time.) ... *London, D. I. Eaton and J. Smith, [c. 1794].*



8vo, pp. 4; slight spots but a very good copy in recent brown cloth, spine gilt, bound in with numerous blanks.

£850

First edition thus, very rare, an early publication by the radical printer Daniel Isaac Eaton (BBTI gives 1795-1799). Consisting largely of sections from John Hale's *Letter to the People of England* (1781), it first appeared in the journal *Politics for the People* (see *The Library of Geoffrey Bindman Part I*, items 93-97), where it was signed 'Red Cap'.

The letter argues that the Dutch, Americans, Swiss and Irish (natural lovers of pikes), are free peoples because every citizen is armed to the teeth. The implication being that pikes are just as handy in revolutions as in case of invasions - viz the 'Pike Plot' of 1792-3.

ESTC lists only four copies: John Rylands; National Library of Ireland; Harvard, and McGill.

76. [POPISH PLOT *and* CITY OF LONDON.] A sammelband of 8 works. *London, 1679-89.*

8 works in 1 vol., folio; in good condition overall; in recent red cloth, spine lettered in gilt.

£600

Contents:

IMPARTIAL ACCOUNT (An) of divers remarkable proceedings the last sessions of parliament relating to the horrid Popish Plot ... *London, printed anno 1679.* pp. [2], 26; slightly browned, a few marks.

SMITH, John. The Narrative of Mr. John Smith of Walworth ... containing a further discovery of the late horrid and Popish-Plot ... *London, Robert Boulter, 1679.* pp. [8], 35, [1 blank], with errata on p. 35; edges browned, chipped and brittle, with some closed tears and worm track; inscription to blank A1r 'october 1679'.

JUST NARRATIVE (A) of the hellish new counter-plots of the papists, to cast the odium of their horrid treasons upon the Presbyterians: and under that notion, to involve many hundreds of the most considerable Protestant nobility and gentry in a general ruine ... *London, for Dorman Newman, 1679.* pp. [4], 16; some browning at edges; inscription to blank A1r 'november 7 1679'; old Hampstead Public Libraries ink stamp to p. 1.

OATES, Titus. An Exact and faithful narrative of the horrid conspiracy of Thomas Knox, William Osborne, and John Lane, to invalidate the testimonies of Dr Titus Oates, and Mr William Bedlow; by charging them with a malicious contrivance against the E. of Danby, and the said Dr. Oates with an attempt of sodomy ... *London, for Tho. Parkhurst, Tho. Cockerill and Benj. Alsop, 1680.* pp. [8], 24, 33-36 (text continuous); some foxing, edges a little browned; inscription to blank A1r 'december 2 1679'.

CITY OF LONDON'S PLEA (The) to the quo warranto, (an information) brought against their charter in Michaelmas term, 1681. Wherein it will appear, that the liberties, priviledges, and customs of the said city cannot be forfeited, or lost by the misdemeanor of any officer or magistrate thereof ... *London, Randal Taylor, 1682.* p. [4], 16, ff. 17-20, pp. 21-31, [1 blank]; Latin and English in parallel columns; some foxing, small wormholes to lower blank margins.

CITY OF LONDON'S REJOINER (The) to Mr. Attorney General's replication in the quo warranto brought by him against their charter ... *London, L. Curtiss, 1682.* pp. [2], 35, [1, blank]; Latin and English in parallel columns; title slightly dusty.

SUR-REJOINER (The) of Mr. Attorney General to the rejoinder made on the behalf of the charter of the city of London. *London, S. Mearne, 1682.* pp. [2], 11, [1, blank]; English and Latin in parallel columns, woodcut device to title; slight dampstaining to lower margins.

HAWLES, John, *Sir.* Remarks upon the tryals of Edward Fitzharris, Stephen Colledge, Count Coningsmark, the Lord Russel, Collonel Sidney, Henry Cornish, and Charles Bateman. As also on the Earl of Shaftesbury's grand jury, Wilmore's homine replegiando, and the award of

execution against Sir Thomas Armstrong. *London, Jacob Tonson, 1689.* pp. [4], 104; a little marginal dampstaining, edges somewhat worn.

77. [POPISH PLOT.] The Tryals and Condemnation of Thomas White, alias Whitebread, Provincial of the Jesuits in England, William Harcourt, pretended Rector of London, John Fenwick, Procurator for the Jesuits in England, John Gavan alias Gawen, and Anthony Turner, all Jesuits and Priests, for High Treason in Conspiring the Death of the King, the Subversion of the Government, and Protestant Religion, at the Sessions in the Old-Bailey for London and Middlesex, on Friday and Saturday, being the 13th and 14th of June 1679, published by Authority. *London, H. Hills, T. Parkhurst, J. Starkey, D. Newman, T. Cockeril, and T. Simmons, 1679.*

Folio, pp. [2], 92, 89-95, [1, blank]; pagination corrected in manuscript (89-95 to read '93-99'); a little toning and dust-staining, minimal marginal chipping; a good copy in recent red buckram, spine lettered in gilt.

£250

First edition of the trials of five victims of Titus Oates's fabricated Popish Plot. Despite the inconsistent evidence presented by Oates, all five were convicted and sentenced to death. In total thirty-five men were executed on the basis of his false allegations.

CENTENARY OF THE GLORIOUS REVOLUTION

78. PRICE, Richard. A Discourse on the love of our country, delivered on Nov. 4, 1789, at the meeting-house in the Old Jewry, to the Society for Commemorating the Revolution in Great Britain. With an appendix ... Third edition, with additions to the appendix, containing communications from France occasioned by the congratulatory address of the Revolution Society to the National Assembly of France, with the answers to them ... *London, George Stafford for T. Cadell, 1790.*

8vo, pp. [4], 51, [1], 34, [2, advertisements]; half-title on stub, first and last pages slightly dusty; very good in recent maroon cloth, spine lettered in gilt.

£275

Third, expanded edition (first 1789). Philosopher, demographer, and political radical, Price (1723-91) 'welcomed with great enthusiasm the opening events of the French Revolution, holding that the French were doing for themselves what the British had done in the revolution of 1688 and what the Americans had done in the War of Independence' (*ODNB*). His *Discourse* infuriated Edmund Burke, provoking Burke's *Reflections on the Revolution in France* (1790). Before his death, Price was able to reply briefly to Burke's attack in his preface to the fourth edition of the

Discourse, but 'it was left to his friends Joseph Priestley, Mary Wollstonecraft, Joseph Towers ... and Thomas Paine to make lengthier and more studied replies' (*ibid.*).

79. PRIESTLEY, Joseph. The Conduct to be observed by dissenters in order to procure the repeal of the Corporation and Test Acts. Recommended in a sermon, preached before the congregations of the old and new meetings, at Birmingham, November 5, 1789 ... The second edition. *Birmingham, Thomas Pearson for J. Johnson, [1789]*.

8vo, pp. 16; a very good, clean and crisp copy in recent quarter cloth over marbled boards, paper spine label.

£150

Second edition (the first appeared the same year). One of several works published by Priestley (1733-1804) supporting the repeal of the Corporation and Test Acts. The Corporation Act of 1661 was designed to restrict public offices to members of the Church of England, while the Test Acts of 1673 and 1678 imposed oaths of supremacy and allegiance, a declaration against transubstantiation, and a requirement to receive the sacrament on all persons filling any public office. Primarily designed as anti-Catholic measures, they were also deplored by Dissenters but remained in force until 1828. Here Priestley calls for equal rights for English dissenters, concluding: 'while we join in asserting our own rights, let us not be unmindful of the rights of others, especially the common rights of humanity, of which the poor negroes have long been deprived.' In 1791 Priestley was forced to flee Birmingham on account of the riots in which his house, library, laboratory, and papers were ruined.

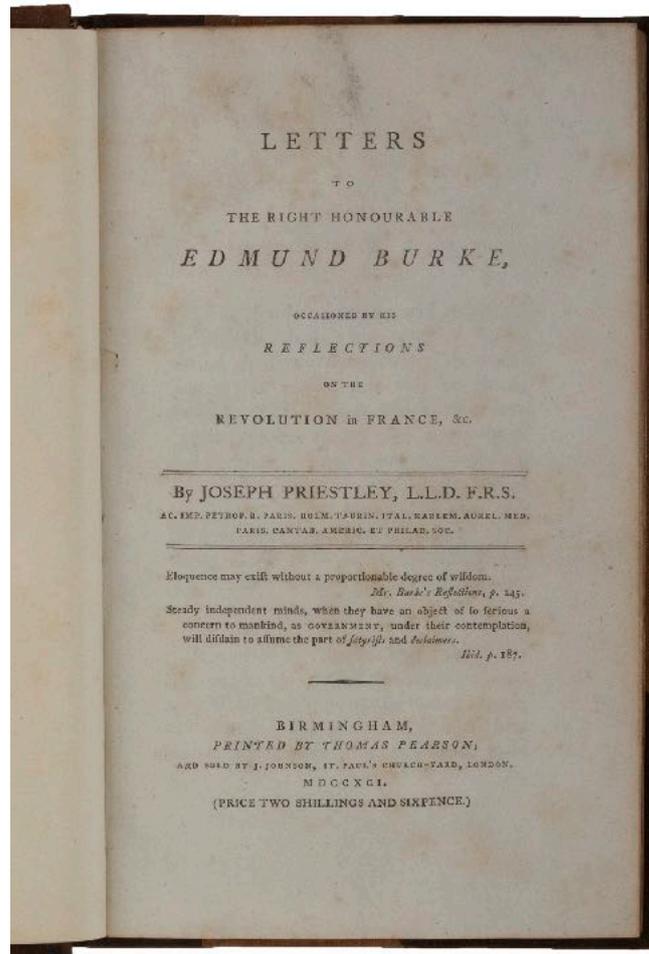
Crook TR/39.

80. PRIESTLEY, Joseph. Letters to the Right Honourable Edmund Burke, occasioned by his Reflections on the Revolution in France, &c. *Birmingham, Pearson and London, J. Johnson 1791*.

8vo, pp. xiii, [1, blank], [2, contents], 152; stab-holes visible; extremities slightly foxed, else a very good copy in recent half mottled calf, cloth sides, slightly rubbed, lettering-piece to spine; blue silk placemaker. £300

First edition, one of three variant Birmingham issues in 1791. In these letters Priestley defends the principles of the French Revolution against Burke's attack in the *Reflections on the Revolution in France*, which appeared in 1790. After the Birmingham riots of July 1791 Priestley relocated to Hackney in London where he had sympathetic friends such as the radical printer Joseph Johnson.

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81. [PRIESTLEY RIOTS.] The Report of the Trials of the Rioters, at the assizes held at Warwick, August 20, 1791, before the Right Hon. Mr. Baron Perryn, taken in short-hand by Marsom & Ramsey, by order of the Committee of Protestant Dissenters in Birmingham. *Birmingham, John Thompson, for J. Johnson, Marsom and Ramsey; London, [1791].*

8vo, pp. [6], 156; very slight spots to later leaves, final leaf lightly dust-stained; a very good copy in recent red buckram, spine lettered in gilt. £350

First edition of the trials of the Priestley Rioters. The reactionary mob-violence in Birmingham in 1791 was provoked, at least in part, by the political and theological views of Joseph Priestley, and his approval for the French Revolution. Rioters, with the suspected acquiescence of Birmingham authorities, destroyed Priestley's library and laboratory, and his house was among several buildings burnt in violence lasting three days. 'English authorities generally approved of the riots, but they were denounced by many persons and organizations in England, Europe, and the United States and remain a blot on the history of British toleration' (*ODNB*).

Only seventeen rioters were ever tried; twelve cases were presented before the Warwick assizes here, but only four defendants found guilty, of whom two were pardoned.

PRYNNE THE PARLIAMENTARIAN ...

82. PRYNNE, William. The Sovereigne Power of parliaments and kingdoms: divided into foure parts. Together with an appendix ... *London, Michael Sparke senior, 1643.*

Four parts in one volume, 4to, pp. [8], 56, '75', 78-112; [4], 38, ff. 39-40; pp. [4], 41-87, [1]; [8], 144, 143-150; [4], 36, 112, 121-218, [2, errata]; separate title-page pagination and register to each part, which were also issued separately; some spots and stains, the title-page and final leaf partly adhering to the facing leaves (with slightly loss); bound rather tightly in modern library cloth, bookplate and stamps (including perforated stamp to title) of Los Angeles County Law Library; armorial bookplate to title-page verso of Sir John Anstruther of that ilk. £200

First edition, commissioned by Parliament as a defence of its sovereignty, but in effect 'a series of *post hoc* justifications of actions taken by the parliamentary army' (*ODNB*). The parts were also issued separately.

Wing P4087A, incorporating P4109, P4088, P4103, and P3962.

PRYNNE THE MONARCHIST ...

83. PRYNNE, William. A Brief necessary Vindication of the old and new secluded members, from the false malicious calumnies; and of the fundamental rights, liberties, privileges, government, interest of the freemen, parliaments, people of England, from the late avowed subversions 1. of John Rogers, in his un-christian concertation with Mr Prynne, and others. 2. Of M: Nedham, in his Interest will not Lie. ... *London, Edward Thomas, 1659.*

4to, pp. [2], 62; woodcut headpiece; title-page cropped at foot with loss to imprint; browning to first and last leaves, but otherwise clean and fresh; in nineteenth-century half calf, purple cloth boards, title in gilt on spine; running to extremities. £350

First edition (another appeared in the same year) of this response by the puritan lawyer and controversialist William Prynne (c.1600-1699) to John Rogers' *Diapoliteia: a Christian Concertation* and Marchamont Nedham's *Interest will not lie*, both written at the height of the crisis surrounding the dying days of the Commonwealth, and both attacking Prynne. Prynne argues that 'a monarchical, hereditarie kingly government (let Rogers, Nedham, and our innovating frantick republicans prate what they will) must be Englands true and only interest, honor, safety, felicity'.

Wing P3913.

... *AND PRYNNE THE LEGAL ANTIQUARIAN*

84. PRYNNE, William. *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 ... *London, for the author, 1662.*

4to, pp. [24], 234, ff. 234-248, pp. [4], 249-398, [1] errata, [1] blank; numerous errors in pagination, but complete; some browning and dustsoiling, mainly marginal, but still reasonably crisp; stamp of Los Angeles County Law Library on (new) front free endpaper; in contemporary sheep, crudely rebacked with morocco lettering-piece on spine; joints worn and loose, spine and boards worn; with stamp of Los Angeles County Law Library faintly visible on upper cover, and its bookplate on front pastedown. £300

Only edition of this compendious survey of writs and summons found in the Tower of London, and other Parliamentary material dating from the reign of Edward I through to that of Edward IV, a period of some 250 years. This was the third part of his mammoth 'brief register' of historical parliamentary documents.

Wing P3903.

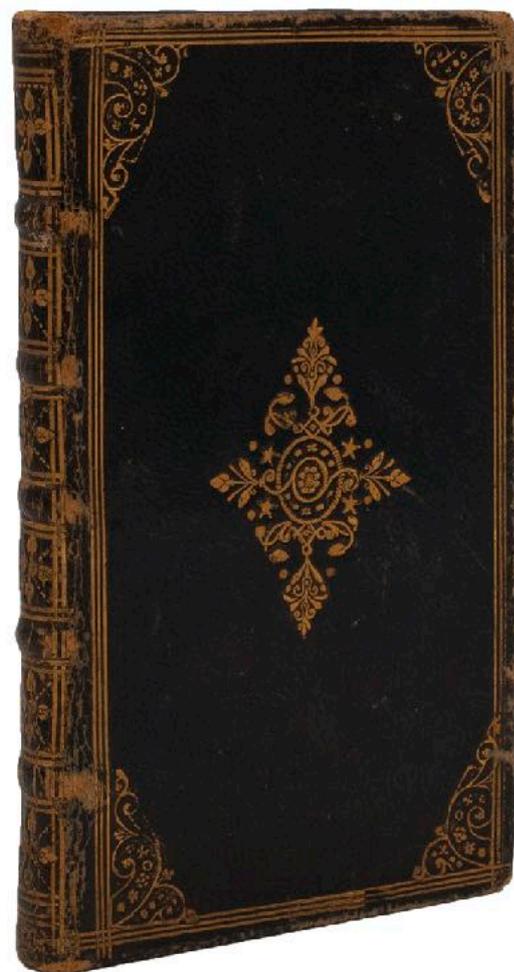
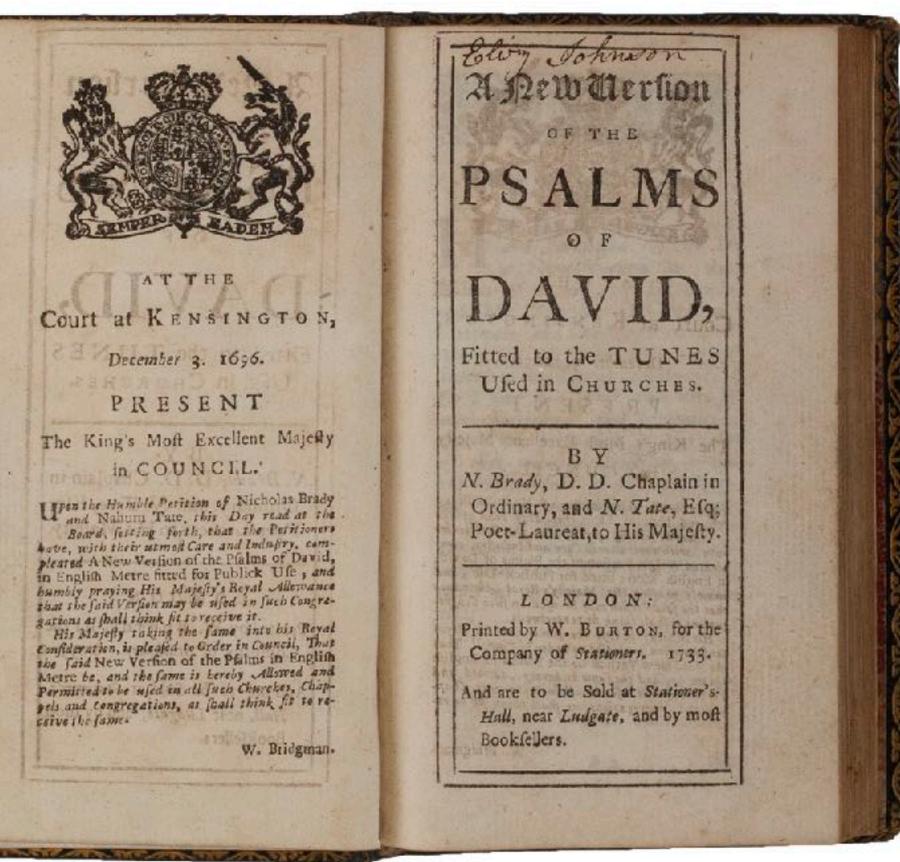
WITH PATENTS FOR ALCHEMY

85. PRYNNE, William. *Aurum Reginae; or a compendious tractate, and chronological collection of records in the Tower, and court of the exchequer concerning queen-gold: evidencing the quiddity, quantity, quality, antiquity, legality of this golden prerogative, duty and revenue of the Queen-Consorts of England. ... London, for the author by T. Radcliffe, 1688.*

4to, pp. [8], 138, [1, errata], [1, blank]; crude paper repairs to first and last leaves, not affecting text; foxing and some dampstaining throughout; occasional marginal worming; occasional annotations and corrections in a contemporary hand; stamp of Los Angeles County Law Library on front free endpaper, and perforated stamp on imprimatur leaf; in eighteenth-century half calf, title in (rather faded) gilt on spine; joints worn, stamp of Los Angeles County Law Library on upper cover, and their book-plate on front paste-down. £650

First edition of this defence of the *aurum reginae* or queen-gold, revenue raised by the king in order to fund the household of his queen consort. Prynne presents a comprehensive survey of the various documents which support the practice; an appendix describes patents for finding the philosopher's stone, in order 'to transubstantiate baser metals into solid real gold and silver, to satisfie all the creditors of the king and kingdom in few years space'.

Wing P3989.



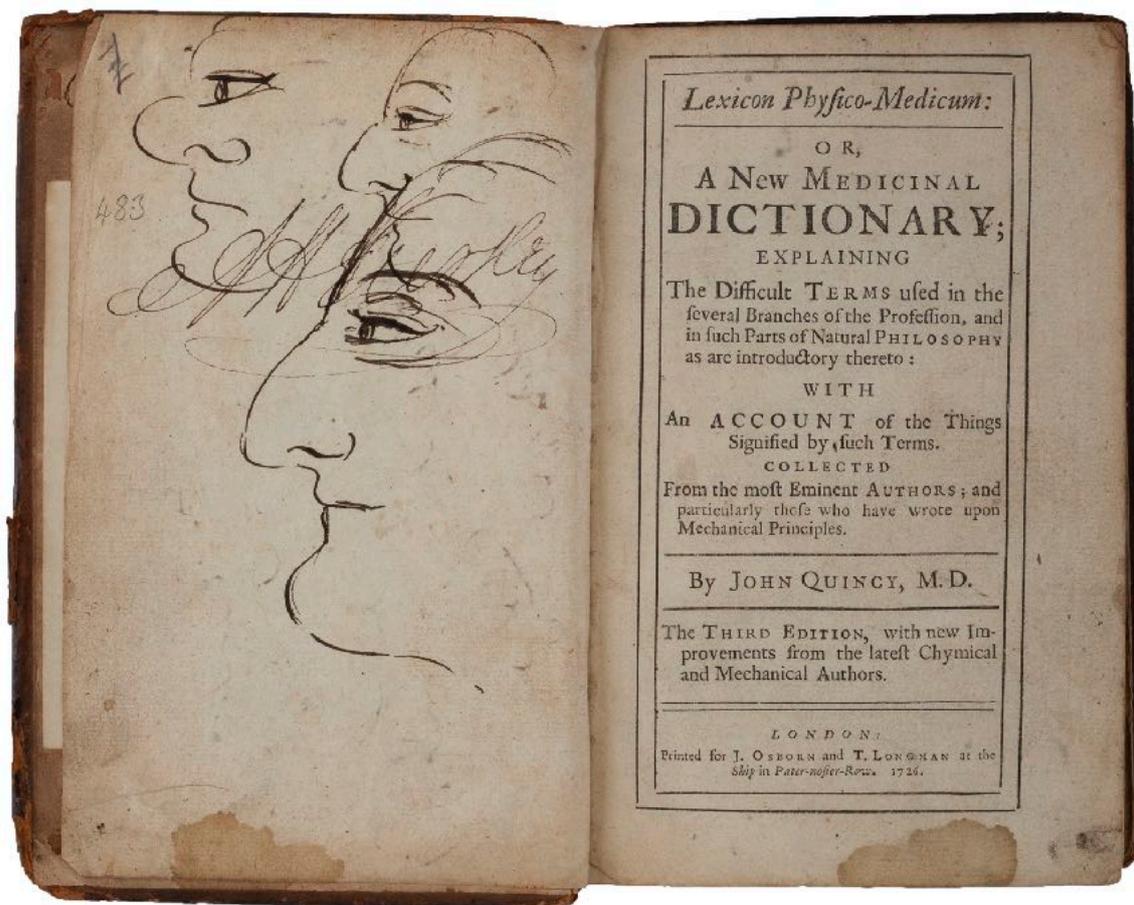
UNRECORDED EDITION

86. [PSALMS.] TATE, Nahum, and Nicholas BRADY. A New Version of the Psalms of David, fitted to the Tunes used in Churches. *London, W. Burton for the Company of Stationers, 1733.*

12mo, pp. [8], 9-192; a few leaves trimmed at top-edge; a very good copy in contemporary black roan gilt, edges gilt, marbled endpapers; a little rubbed at extremities, corners minimally bumped; contemporary ink ownership inscription 'Eliz Johnson' to title. £750

Unrecorded edition of the Tate & Brady version of the metrical psalms, in an attractive contemporary binding.

ESTC finds another edition with the same imprint but a different setting of type, recorded in only three copies (National Library of Scotland, Paxton House, and University of Illinois). No copies of either edition could be traced at auction.



87. **Q**UINCY, John. *Lexicon physico-medicum: or, a new medicinal dictionary; explaining the difficult terms used in the several branches of the profession ... The third edition ... London, Osborn and Longman, 1726.*

8vo, pp. xvi, 480; woodcut diagrams; leaf G7 torn away, stub remaining; one or two leaves with black spots, occasional foxing and smudging, else a good copy in contemporary panelled calf, rubbed, front board detached; numerous contemporary ink caricatures to preliminary leaves, remains of red seal wax, contemporary ownership inscriptions to endpapers, inscription of ?Doctor Young to front board; bookplate of J. E. R. McDonagh. £350

Third edition of a work first published 1719, 'with new improvements from the latest chymical and mechanical authors'. This copy belonged to James Radclyffe McDonagh (1881-1965), a British surgeon and author.

PARLIAMENT UNNECESSARY

88. **R**EEVES, John. Thoughts on the English Government. Addressed to the quiet good sense of the people of England. In a series of letters. Letter the first ... *London, J. Owen, 1795.*

8vo, pp. [4], 80; title-page slightly soiled, else a good copy, disbound.

£175

First edition. The barrister and writer John Reeves (1752-1829) ‘published a number of pamphlets on topical political issues, usually from a legal perspective, but his most notorious was the anonymous *Thoughts on the English Government: Letter the First*, dated 29 October 1795. He claimed that the British government was essentially monarchical, and that “[t]he Kingly Government may go on, in all its functions, without Lords or Commons” (p. 13)’ (*ODNB*). It was denounced in Parliament and Reeves prosecuted for libel. ‘On 20 May 1796 Reeves was acquitted by a jury which found his pamphlet to be “very improper”, but his motives not libellous. Reeves reiterated and defended his argument in three subsequent *Letters* (1799-1800)’.

89. RESOLUTIONS (The) of the House of Commons, for the impeachment of Sir William Scroggs Knt. Chief Justice of the Court of King’s Bench; Sir Thomas Jones Knight, one of the Justices of the same Court. Sir Richard Weston Knight, one of the Barons of the Court of the Exchequer ... Thursday 23th. of December, 1680. *London, Wright, 1680.*

Folio, pp. [4], 145-148, 139-142, 153-159, [1 blank]; a very good copy, uncut, stitching loose, first and last leaves coming away but holding; ‘Num. 50’ to first page.

£100

First edition thus, issued as part of a collection of reports on the proceedings of the House of Commons. In 1680 Titus Oates arraigned Scroggs before the Privy Council over the popular accusations that the Lord Chief Justice had taken bribes from Catholic defendants. The tide was now turning against Oates, however, and Scroggs re-iterated his doubts about Oates’s credibility, first made at George Wakeman’s trial. Before Oates’s fall, however, Scroggs was impeached by the House of Commons for discharging the Middlesex grand jury before its term had ended; this was to save the Duke of York from being charged as a Catholic recusant. The remainder of the proceedings here detail numerous fines and sentences of pillory (which Oates would undergo before long), issued against printers of seditious pamphlets and those guilty of ‘favouring Papists’, and the banning of printed works, neatly illustrative of the paranoia of the time.

90. ROUSSEAU, Jean-Jacques. *A Treatise on the social compact: or, the principles of political law.* London, D. I. Eaton, 1795.

8vo, pp. 224; heavily foxed throughout; in recent brown cloth, title in gilt on spine.

£350

First Eaton edition, an uncommon translation of Rousseau's *Contrat social*, published as part of his Eaton's *Political Classics* series.

91. [RUSSELL, William Russell, Lord.] *Eight works relating to the trial and execution of Lord Russell.* London, 1683 [- 1689].

8 works in one vol., folio; very good copies with occasional toning or spotting; recent orange buckram, spine lettered in gilt.

£450

A collection of eight contemporary pamphlets relation to the trial and execution of Lord Russell. Passionately anti-Catholic, Russell led the parliamentary opposition to the succession of James II, and was implicated in the Rye House Plot in 1683 along with Algernon Sidney (*see below*). Convicted of High Treason for conspiracy to raise rebellion, Lord Russell was executed on 21 July 1683; a subsequent propaganda campaign, led largely by Lady Russell and involving the works found here, defended his innocence and portrayed him as a martyr, a legacy seized by the new regime with a second spate of publications after 1688 and maintained by Whig historians.

The collection comprises:

TRYALS (The) of Thomas Walcot, William Hone, William Lord Russell, John Rous, & William Blagg for High-Treason, for Conspiring the Death of the King, and Raising a Rebellion in this Kingdom ... on Thursday, Friday, and Saturday, July 12, 13, and 14, 1683. London, Richard Royston, Benjamin Took, and Charles Mearn, 1683. Folio, pp. [2], 81, [1, blank]. First edition.

[RUSSELL, William Russell, Lord.] The last Speech & Behaviour of William late Lord Russel, upon the Scaffold in Lincolns-Inne-Fields, a Little before his Execution, on Saturday, July 21. 1683 ... also the last Speeches, Behaviour, and Prayers of Capt Thomas Walcot, John Rouse, Gent., & William Hone, Joyner, a Little before their Execution at Tyburn, on Friday the 20th of July 1683, being condemned for High-Treason in Conspiring, &c., impartially taken, and published by Authority. London, J.C. and F.C. for Thomas Fox, 1683. Folio, pp. [2], 4, 14; nineteenth-century annotation to p. 3. First edition.

ROUSE, John. Rouse, his Case truly stated and written with his own Hand in Newgate, two Days before his Execution, to prevent any false Reports, wherein he gives the World an Account of: the Place and Manner how he was taken [etc. etc.] ... to which is annexed, a Letter to his Wife, from Newgate. London, J. Grantham 'by the Order of the Widdow Rouse', 1683. Folio, pp. [2], 16. First edition.

TILLOTSON, John. A Letter written to my Lord Russel in Newgate, the Twentieth of July, 1683. *London, R. Baldwin, 1683*. Folio, pp. 2. First edition, one of two states.

[SETTLE, Elkanah, *attributed*.] Animadversions upon a Paper, entituled the Speech of the Late Lord Russel, &c. *London, Thomas Dring, 1683*. Folio, pp. 4; ink stamp of the Birmingham Law Society. First edition, one of two states.

[SHOWER, Bartholomew.] An Antidote against Poison, composed of some Remarks upon the Paper printed by the Direction of the Lady Russel, and mentioned to have been delivered by the Lord Russel to the Sheriffs at the Place of his Execution. *London, Charles Mearne, 1683*. Folio, pp. 7, [1, blank]. First edition.

[ATKYNS, Robert.] A Defence of the late Lord Russel's Innocency, by Way of Answer or Confutation of a libellous Pamphlet, intituled an Antidote against Poyson ... *London, Timothy Goodwin, 1689*. Folio, pp. [2], 26; without the preliminary advertisement or the *Argument*. First edition.

[WARRINGTON, Henry Booth, *Earl of*.] 'MERE, Henry de la'. The late Lord Russel's Case, with Observations upon it. *London, Awنشam Churchill, 1689*. Folio, pp. [2], 15, [1, blank]; paperflaws to B1, stain to p. 15; without preliminary blank. First edition.

92. [RUSSELL, William Russell, *Lord*.] The Tryal of the Lord Russel. *Dublin, J. Ray; 1683*.

Folio, pp. 40; imprint at foot of each sheet, often trimmed; foxing and damp-staining, chipping to margins; disbound. £200

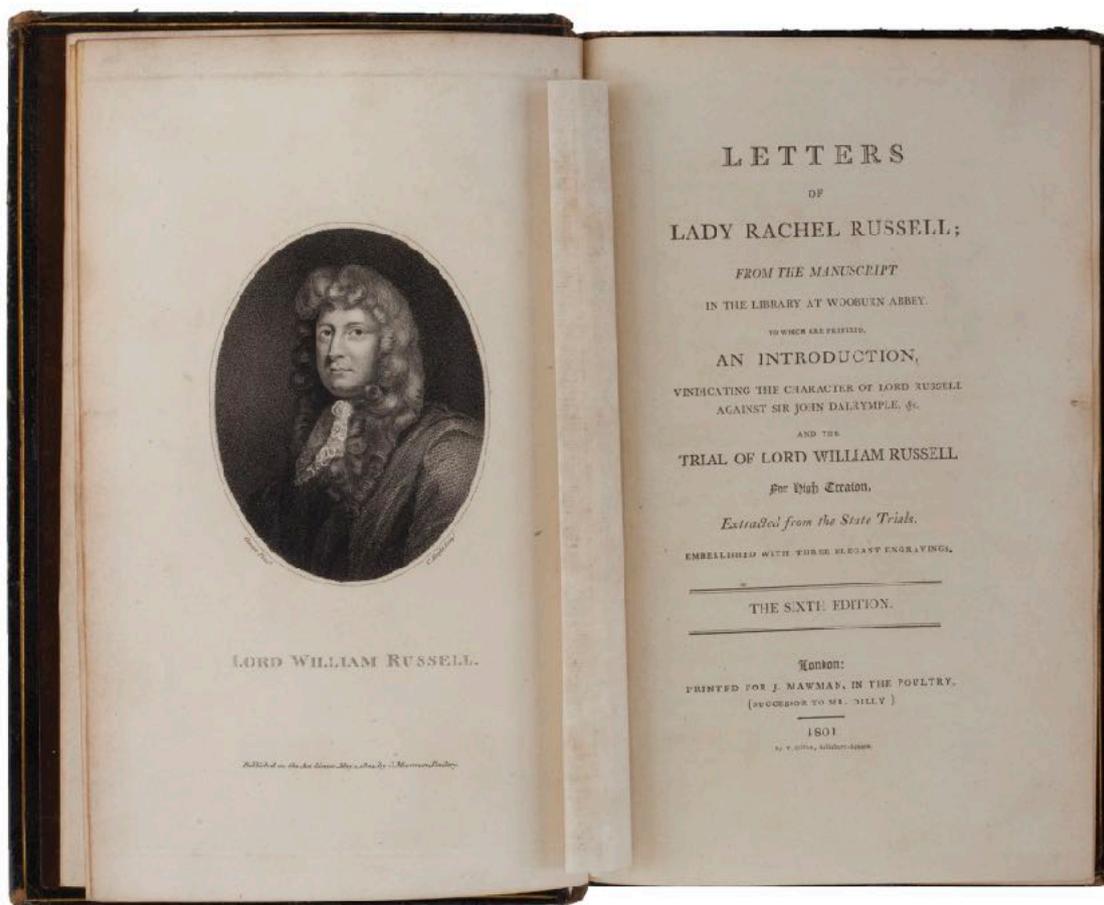
First edition, a scarce account of Lord Russell's trial, printed in Dublin.

ESTC finds only five copies, all in the British Isles (BL, Southampton, Derry and Raphoe, Dublin Castle, and National Library of Ireland).

93. [RUSSELL.] ATKYNS, Robert. The Lord Russel's Innocency further defended, by way of Reply to an Answer entituled the Magistracy and Government of England vindicated. *London, Timothy Goodwin, 1689*.

Folio, pp. [2, blank, advertisement], [2], 15, [1, blank]; a very good copy, disbound. £225

First edition of a defence of Lord Russell. A judge and politician whose career had suffered for his sympathy to Lord Russell, Robert Atkyns (1621-1710) aided Russell's lawyers in his defence and likely wrote the defence presented by the latter at his execution.



94. [RUSSELL, *Lady Rachel*]. Letters of Lady Rachel Russell; from the manuscript in the Library at Woburn Abbey. To which are prefixed an introduction, vindicating the character of Lord Russell against Sir John Dalrymple, &c. And the trial of Lord William Russell for high treason, extracted from the state trials. The sixth edition. *London, J. Mawman, 1801.*

8vo, pp. clxxi, [1, blank], 351, [1, advertisements]; engraved frontispiece portrait, tissue guard, two further stipple-engraved plates; a very good copy in later nineteenth-century blue straight-grain morocco, boards with border in blind and fillet, gilt, spines in panels with floriated tools in blind, raised bands, lettered direct, silk placemaker; all edges gilt; fairly rubbed at corners and edges; ownership inscription. £150

Sixth edition. William Russell (1639-1683) was opposed to the accession of James II as an openly Catholic King, and was executed for his part in the Rye House Plot, along with Algernon Sidney (1623-1683). In a rare concession to the defendant in a case of high treason, Lady Russell appeared at the trial as her husband's secretary, the idea being to remind the jury of the couple's well-known marital felicity (*ODNB*). She wrote numerous letters appealing for clemency, securing visiting rights and easing Russell's custodial conditions. She is held up here as a paragon of Protestant virtue (she was of Huguenot stock) in the face of Catholic tyranny, and as a shining example of widowhood, depicted here in her widow's weeds.

95. **S**AVILE, Christopher Atkinson.] The Trial of Christopher Atkinson, Esq., Member of Parliament for Heydon in Yorkshire, and late Cornfactor to His Majesty's Victualling-Board, for Perjury, tried in the Court of King's Bench, before the Right Honourable William Earl of Mansfield, and a special Jury on the nineteenth Day of July, 1783, taken in Short Hand by W. Williamson. *London, J. Debret, Egerton, G. Kearsley, J. Bew, and T. Axtell, 1783.*

8vo, pp. [2], 91, [1, blank]; without half-title; minimal foxing, small closed tear to final leaf, short marginal tears to title; a good copy, disbound. £75

First edition of the trial of Christopher Atkinson Savile. Convicted of perjury after his denial of fraudulent dealings with the victualling office as a corn factor, Savile was sentenced to be pilloried and expelled from the House of Commons. He was pardoned in 1791 and returned to parliament in 1796.

TRIALS OF PAINE (IN ABSENTIA) AND WINTERBOTHAM

96. [SEDITION TRIALS.] A sammelband of four sedition trials. *London, Edinburgh, 1793-1794.*

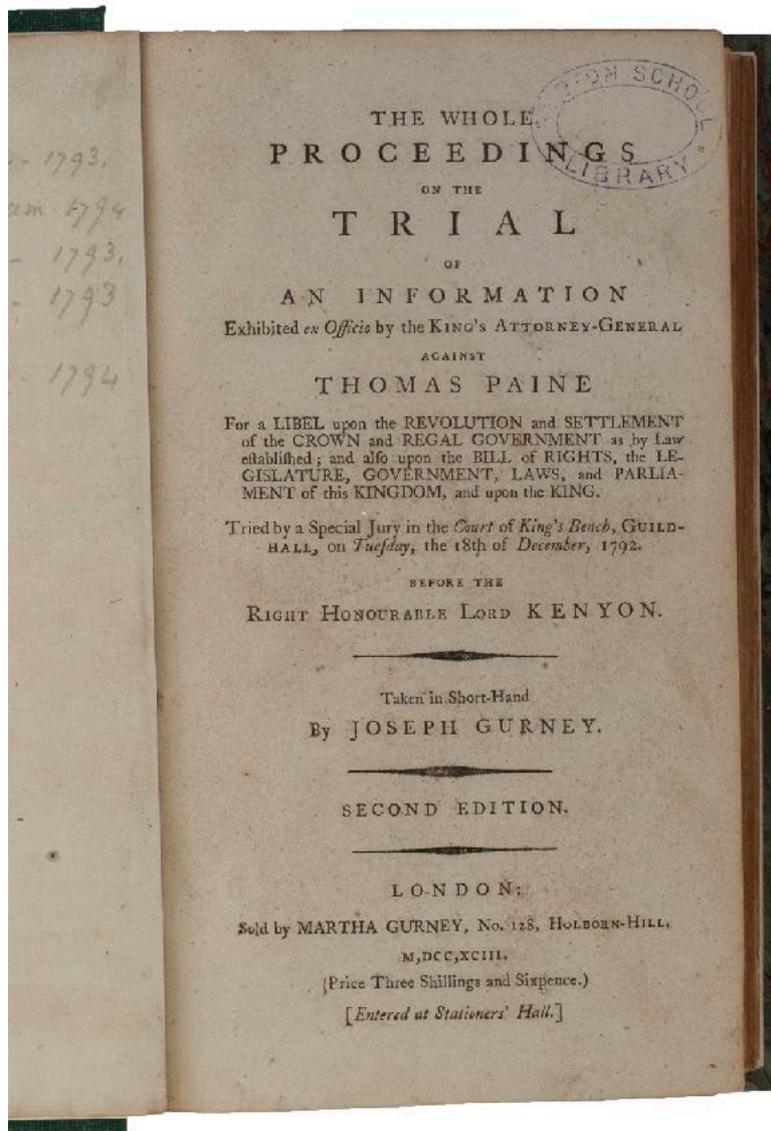
4 works in 1 vol., 8vo; overall very good in recent quarter green cloth over marbled boards, gilt lettering-piece to spine; 'Samuel Woodford 11th Febr'y 1793' inscribed to title verso of first work; a few old ink stamps of Repton School Library. £500

An interesting collection of four important sedition trials of the 1790s: that of Thomas Paine, for the second part of his *Rights of Man*, which he did not attend and at which he was outlawed; that of the Baptist minister and political prisoner William Winterbotham (1763-1829), who was imprisoned for two years and fined for sermons making reference to the French Revolution and perceived abuses of the contract between king and people; and those of two of the reformers known as the 'Scottish Martyrs', Thomas Muir (1765-1799) and Thomas Palmer (1747-1802), who were sentenced to fourteen and seven years' transportation respectively.

Contents:

[PAINE, Thomas.] The Whole proceedings on the trial of an information ... against Thomas Paine for a libel upon the revolution and settlement of the crown and regal government as by law established; and also upon the bill of rights, the legislature, government, laws, and parliament of this kingdom, and upon the king. Tried by a special jury ... the 18th of December, 1792 ... Second edition. *London, Martha Gurney, 1793.* pp. 196, [4, ads]; title and last page slightly dusty.

[WINTERBOTHAM, William.] The Trial of Wm. Winterbotham, assistant preacher at How's Lane Meeting, Plymouth; before the Hon. Baron Peryn, and a special jury, at



Exeter; on the 25th of July, 1793. For seditious words ... *London, for William Winterbotham, 1794.* pp. vii, [1], 132, [4, errata and ads]. First edition (four appeared in the same year).

[MUIR, Thomas.] The Trial of Thomas Muir, younger, of Huntershill, before the High Court of Justiciary, at Edinburgh, on the 30th and 31st days of August, 1793, for sedition. A new edition, corrected. *London, for James Ridgeway, H.D. Symonds, and J. Robertson, [1793].* pp. [2], 128; with engraved portrait of Muir by J. Kay inserted after title; a few light marks.

[PALMER, Thomas Fyshe.] The Trial of the Rev. Thomas Fyshe Palmer, before the Circuit Court of Justiciary, held at Perth, on the 12th and 13th September, 1793, on an indictment for seditious practices ... With an appendix. *Edinburgh, for W. Skirving, [1793].* pp. 195, [1, blank], [2, advertisements]; without the portrait called for by ESTC; small paper flaw to U2 touching a few letters, a very little worming to lower margins, slightly browned.

97. SELDEN, John. A Brief discourse touching the office of Lord Chancellor of England ... Together with a true catalogue of Lord Chancellors By William Dugdale ... *London, William Lee, 1672.*

Folio, pp. [4], 26; foxed and somewhat toned; modern quarter brown morocco.

£100

Second edition.

Wing S2421.

FROM ABBEYS TO WITCHES

98. SELDEN, John. Table-talk: being the discourses of John Selden, Esq; or his sense of various matters of weight and high consequence; relating especially to religion and state. The second edition. *London, Jacob Tonson, 1696.*

8vo, pp. [8], 192; a couple of leaves loose, dampstain to head of last few gatherings, but otherwise clean; in recent maroon cloth, spine lettered in gilt.

£200

Second edition. Selden's *Table-Talk* was collected by his secretary, Richard Milward, and circulated widely in manuscript from the 1650s, although publication had to be deferred until 1689 as some observations 'would hardly have been acceptable in Stuart times' (Pforzheimer). The discourses are a mixture of epigram, whimsy, satire, common sense, and controversy, arranged under commonplace headings from Abbeys to War, Wit, Witches, Women. Coleridge, a kindred spirit, wrote: 'There is more weighty bullion sense in this book than I ever found in the same number of pages of any uninspired writer ... O! to have been with Selden over his glass of wine, making every accident and outlet ... a vehicle of wisdom.'

Of booksellers Selden has this to say: 'The giving a Bookseller his price for his Books has this advantage, he that will do so, shall have the refusal of whatsoever comes to his hand, and so by that means get many things, which otherwise he never should have seen. So 'tis in giving a Bawd her price.'

Wing S2438.

99. [SEXBY, Edward,] and Silius TITUS. Killing no Murder, briefly discoursed in three Questions. *London, [s.n.], 1734.*

8vo, pp. iv, 5-34; woodcut device to title; a very good copy, disbound.

£125

Later edition of Sexby and Titus's famous apology for tyrannicide. Though a soldier in Cromwell's New Model Army and an early agitator whose *Apologie of the Common Soldiers* was

influential in the radicalisation of the parliamentary army, Edward Sexby (c. 1616-1658) eventually came to disagree with the Protectorate, escaping arrest in 1655 and fleeing to Flanders. *Killing no Murder*, first published in the Netherlands in 1657, equates Cromwell to Caligula and Nero and argues that tyrannicide cannot be murder, as tyranny suspends the normal course of law.

The text was frequently reprinted throughout the seventeenth and eighteenth centuries at times of unrest.

AGAINST DUELLING

100. SHARP, Granville. Remarks on the opinions of some of the most celebrated writers on Crown-Law, respecting the due distinction between manslaughter and murder ... *London, B. White and T. Horsefield, 1773.*

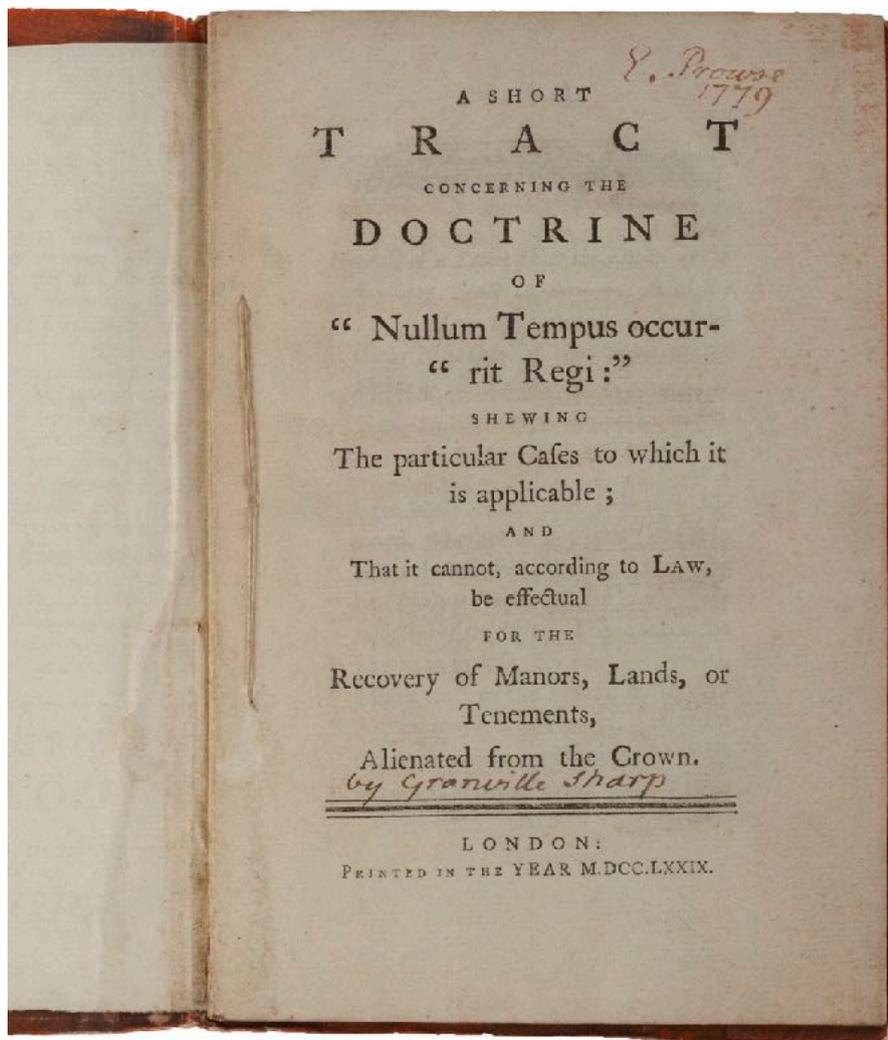
8vo, pp. xviii, 76; a very good copy in contemporary red pasteboard binding, roll-borders to boards, gilt, spine gilt in panels, red morocco lettering-piece, gilt, joints rubbed, splitting, lettering-piece and portions of spine coming away; ex-library with sticker to front board, inkstamps to boards and endpapers, perforated stamp to half-title, bookplate; nineteenth-century note of price to front free endpaper. £400

First edition. An attack on the 'disgraceful practice of duelling' by the abolitionist Granville Sharp (1735-1813).

101. [SHARP, Granville]. A Short Tract concerning the doctrine of "Nullum tempus occurit regi" shewing the particular cases to which it is applicable; and that it cannot, according to law, be effectual for the recovery of manors, lands, or tenements, alienated from the crown. *London, 1779.*

8vo, pp. viii, 31, [1 blank]; a very good, crisp and clean copy, stab-stitched, in contemporary orange paper wrappers, manuscript title on upper cover; covers darkened; inscription 'E. Prowse 1779' at head of title. £450

First edition of this tract on the maxim of medieval common law 'Nullum tempus occurit regi', by which a sovereign is not bound by any temporal limitations in seeking damages, such as a statute of limitations.



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TO WRITE IS TO ACT

102. SIDNEY, Algernon. The Arraignment, tryal and condemnation of Algernon Sidney, esq; for high-treason. For conspiring the death of the king, and intending to raise a rebellion in this kingdom. Before the right honourable Sir George Jeffreys ... at his majesties court of Kings-Bench at Westminster, on the 7th, 21th [sic] and 27th of November, 1683. *Dublin, Reprinted by and for Jo. Ray, 1684.*

Folio, pp. [2], 46; light dampstaining to lower margins, a few pages with frayed edges; good; disbound and in loose quires. £300

Scarce Dublin reprint (same year as the first London edition). **A report of one of the most important and famous English political trials**, that of the philosopher and politician Algernon Sidney (1623-1683). Sidney, who had been a commissioner at the trial of Charles I, went into exile in France at the Restoration, returning to England in 1677. Implicated in the Rye House Plot to assassinate Charles II and the future James II, Sidney was arrested in 1683, seized alongside a draft of his *Discourses on Government*, which was extensively cited during the trial (and

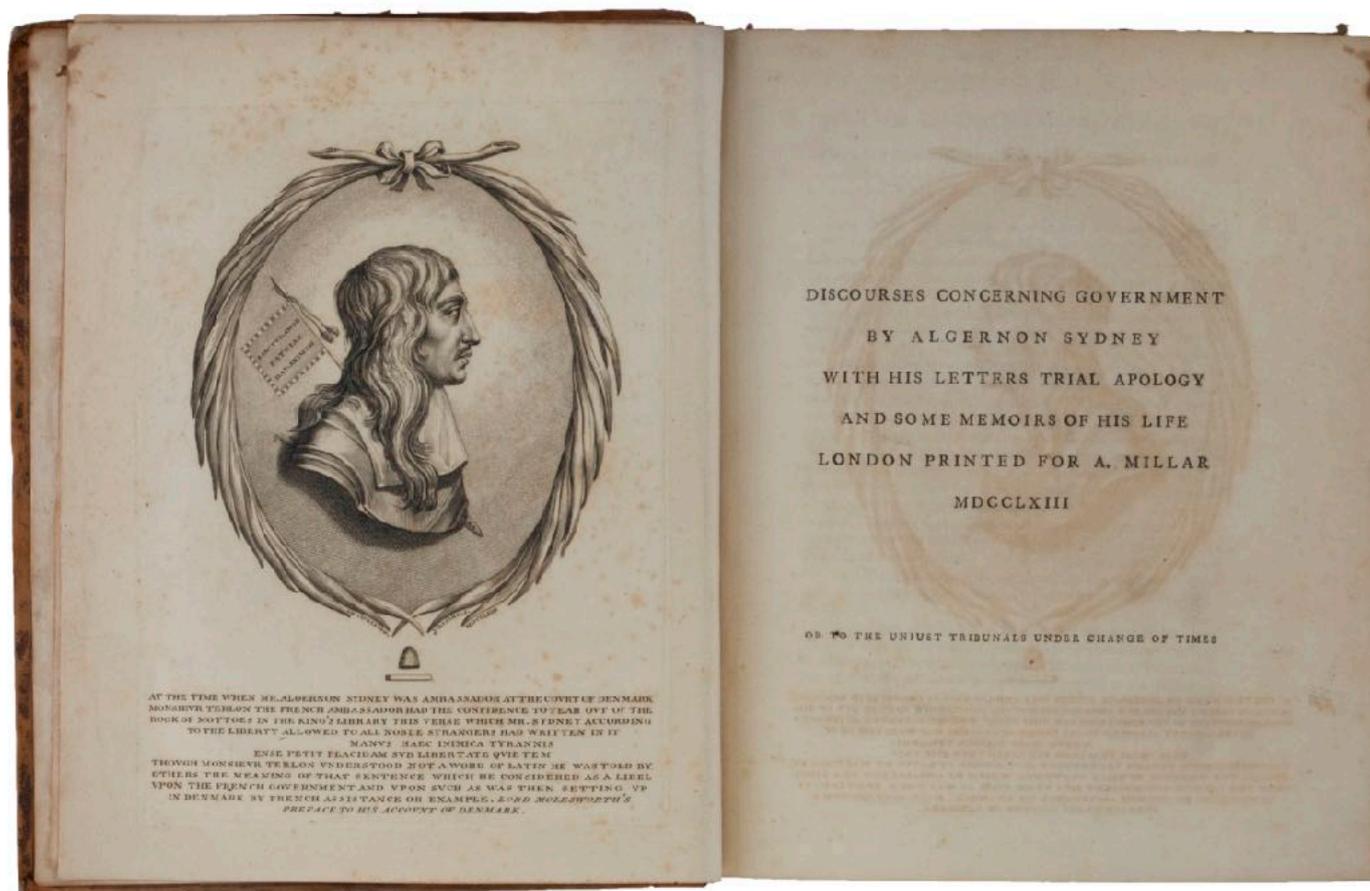
took the place of the second, necessary, witness (the Lord Chief Justice justified this with ‘Scribere est agere’ to write is to act). Found guilty after a clearly unsatisfactory trial, Sidney was beheaded on 7 December.

ESTC records only 4 copies, none in the US.

103. SIDNEY, Algernon. Letters of the Honourable Algernon Sydney to the Honourable Henry Savile, Ambassador in France, in the Year 1679, &c., now first printed from the Originals in Mr. Sydney's own Hand. London, R. Dodsley, 1742.

8vo, pp. [4], 7-176; half-title; woodcut ornament to title; slight foxing; a very good copy in recent purple buckram, spine lettered in gilt. £150

First edition of Sidney's letters reporting on English politics. The republican political writer relates court happenings to Henry Savile (1642-1687), envoy-extraordinary in Paris. The text discusses the events relating to the Earl of Essex, Duke of Monmouth, and Lords Russell and Howard, with whom Sidney soon after entered the treasonable discussions for which he was executed in 1683.



EDITED BY THOMAS HOLLIS

104. SIDNEY, Algernon. Discourses concerning Government ... with his Letters, Trial, Apology, and some Memoirs of his Life. *London, A. Millar, 1763.*

4to, pp. [5], 46, [1, blank], 64, *64-*71, 65-198, [8], [3]-497, [1, blank], with engraved frontispiece portrait; occasional foxing, pressed flowers with offsetting; contemporary English speckled calf, spine gilt in compartments with gilt red morocco lettering-piece, edges speckled red; rubbed, joints split, loss to end-caps and -bands; engraved armorial bookplate of Ham Court. £750

First Hollis edition of Sidney's important *Discourses*, with other works. A prominent political theorist opposed to monarchy, Algernon Sidney (1623-1683) wrote his *Discourses* between 1681 and 1683, arguing for armed resistance to oppressive government. The text, which 'places Sidney alongside Milton as the master of republican eloquence' and 'includes the only explicit seventeenth-century defence of "rebellion"' (*ODNB*), was found in manuscript on Sidney's arrest in 1683. Convicted on the evidence of these *Discourses*, Sidney was executed, and the text left unpublished for fifteen years.

DISCOURSES DISTILLED

105. SIDNEY, Algernon [*and* William SCOTT, *Baron Stowell*]. The Essence of Algernon Sidney's work on government. To which is annexed, his Essay on love. By a student of the Inner Temple. *London, for J. Johnson, 1795.*

8vo, pp. xix, [5], 287, [1]; without half-title, some foxing at beginning and end, otherwise very good; in contemporary half calf, rebacked, spine lettered and tooled in gilt, corners and hinges repaired, marbled edges; some marks to boards. £200

First edition of this abridgement of Sidney's masterpiece, *Discourses concerning government* (1698). Its defence of rebellion, of change, and of the principles of liberty, reason and virtue, explain the work's exceptional impact in Britain, continental Europe, and America. But it was long and occasionally repetitive, hence this distilled *Essence*, which ESTC attributes to William Scott, Baron Stowell (1745-1836), the judge and politician.

106. [STRAFFORD.] ST. JOHN, Oliver. An Argument of law concerning the bill of attainder of high-treason of Thomas Earle of Strafford ... *London, John Stafford and Francis Eaglesfield, 1641.*

4to, pp. [2], 46; F4r shaved at foot affecting the first few words of the last line; modern quarter calf. £100

First and only edition, a summary and justification by the Solicitor General of the government's legal position against Thomas Wentworth, Earl of Strafford, condemned to death by a Bill of Attainder and executed before an enormous crowd on 12 May 1641.

107. STANHOPE, Charles Stanhope, *Earl*. *A Letter from Earl Stanhope to the Right Honourable Edmund Burke; containing a short answer to his late speech on the French revolution. London, George Stafford for P. Elmsly, J. Debrett, and J. Stockdale, 1790.*

8vo, pp. 34, [1, publisher's advertisement], [3, blank]; with a half-title; some light browning and a few spots; a very good copy in recent brown paper wrappers. £150

First edition. A critical response to Burke's *Reflections*, published earlier the same year. Stanhope, chairman of the Revolution Society (founded to commemorate the 1688 Glorious Revolution), responds by strongly rejecting Burke's claims that the previous government of France was a good constitution, citing various examples of legal and economic restrictions upon the French citizens as evidence of its failings. Stanhope highly commends the ideals of the revolutionaries, and believes that the 'great and glorious Revolution will, in time, disseminate throughout Europe, liberality of sentiment, and a just regard for political, civil, and religious liberty'. He further defends Richard Price and the other members of the Revolution Society (himself included) who had signed a resolution (based on Price's speech of the previous year) in support of the new French government, and controversially advocating pursuit of similar rights and liberties in England.

This is one of two editions published in London in 1790; there was also a Dublin reprint.

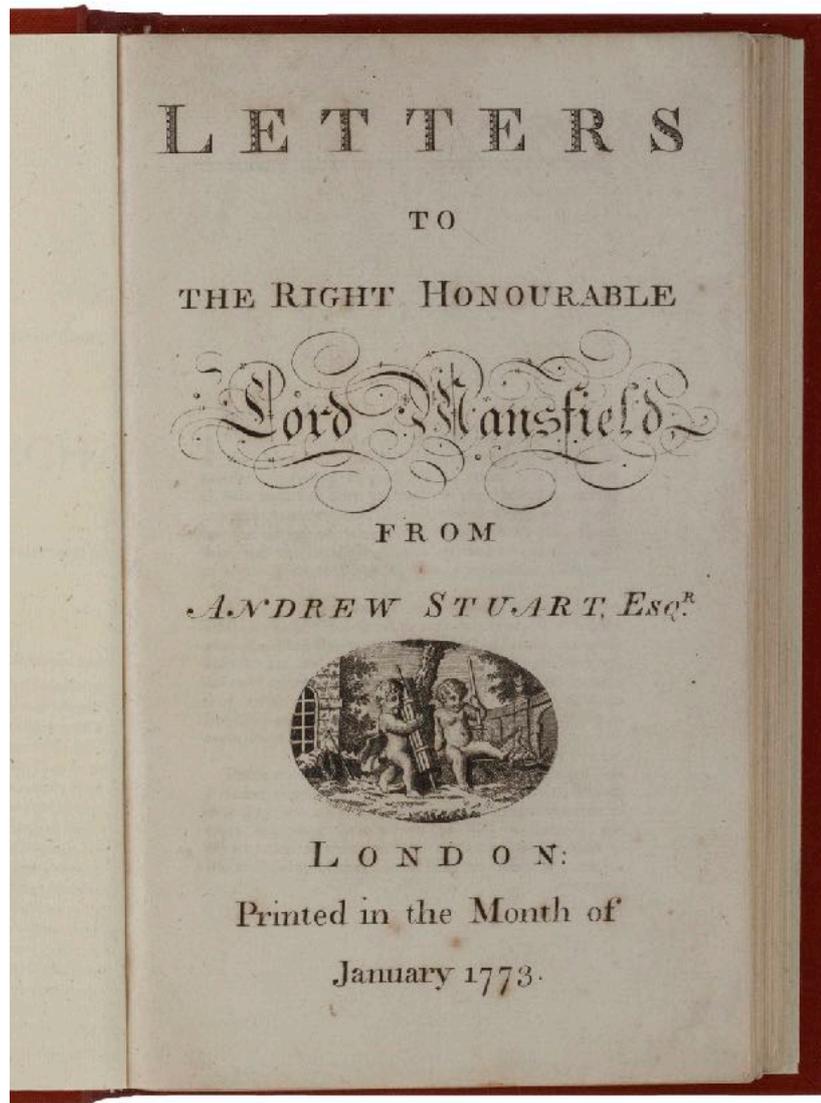
Goldsmiths' 14557.

THE WAILINGS OF A BEATEN DOG

108. STUART, Andrew. *Letters to the Right Honourable Lord Mansfield. London, [privately printed,] January 1773.*

8vo, pp. [2], 39, [1, blank], 64, 47, [1, blank], 47, [1, blank]; title copper-engraved with vignette; without half-title; occasional light spots; a very good copy in recent orange buckram, spine lettered directly in gilt. £225

First edition, the octavo issue, of Stuart's attack on Lord Mansfield. A bitter dispute lasting over a decade over the inheritance of the extinct duchy of Douglas, the 'Douglas Cause' began in 1761 and was appealed in 1769 in the House of Lords, where the Lord Chief Justice, Lord Mansfield, disparaged Stuart's integrity as a lawyer. 'Stuart revenged himself on Lord Mansfield with a savage, privately distributed polemic, *Letters to Lord Mansfield* (1773), which alleged Mansfield's



bias towards the Douglas claim. The *Letters* was widely admired, although Samuel Johnson compared it to “the wailings of a dog that had been licked” (*ODNB*).

There was also a quarto printing from the same setting of type.

109. **T**HELWALL, John. *Political Lectures*, (no. II.) Sketches of the history of prosecutions for political opinion ... *London, Printed for the author, 1794.*
[Bound with:]

_____. *Political Lectures*. Volume the first part the first: containing the lecture of spies and informers, and the first lecture on prosecutions for political opinion ... *London, Printed for the author, 1795.* [and with:]

_____. The Speech of John Thelwall, at the second meeting of the London Corresponding Society ... Taken in short-hand by W. Ramsay ... *London, J Thelwall, 1795.* [and with:]

_____. The Speech of John Thelwall, at the general meeting of the Friends of parliamentary reform ... Taken in short-hand by W. Ramsay ... The third edition, with corrections. *London, J. Thelwall, 1795.*

4 works, 8vo, bound together: pp. [2], 31, [1, ads]; pp. 4, [v]-xv, 16-19, [1] 31 [of 71], [1]; pp. [2], vii, [1], 19, [1]; and pp. iv, [3]-24, vii, [1]; recent brown cloth. £1200

A collection of rare lectures and speeches from 1794-5, containing editions of Thelwall's two 'Political Lectures' and his two speeches to the London Corresponding Society, which were also issued together as *The Speeches of John Thelwall ... 1795.*

After the closure of the Society of Free Debate, Thelwall 'offered a reward in hope of finding a room for debate and, from November 1793, commenced his political lectures at Compton Street and subsequently at the large meeting-room at Beaufort Buildings, Strand', as well as speaking before the London Corresponding Society (founded 1792 by 'Citizen' Hardy). 'Thelwall quickly became the most prominent and articulate member of the reform movement, calling in his speeches for universal suffrage and an end to the war with France' (*ibid.*), but he also garnered unwanted attention from spies, informers, and toughs 'For my own part, my only precaution was to render my hat crown cudgel proof, and to carry in my hand a short tuck stick to defend myself' (*Political Lectures. Volume the first*, p. 16).

Here we find the very rare first edition of Thelwall's second lecture (House of Lords, Nuffield College Oxford, and National Archives only in ESTC), along with the very scarce first collected edition of the first two lectures, designated the 'fourth edition' of the first lecture and the 'third edition' of the second. For another tract volume with similar titles, see *The Library of Geoffrey Bindman Part I*, item 179.

110. THELWALL, John. *The Tribune, a periodical publication, consisting chiefly of the political lectures of J. Thelwall ... Vol I [only] ... London, Printed for the author, and sold by ... D. I. Eaton, and Burks, 1795.*

One vol only (of three), 8vo, pp. xii, 340; [2], 344, with a half-title and a printed slip pasted in at the end of issue XIII; some foxing but a good copy in contemporary half calf, rubbed, corners bumped. £300

Volume I only (issues 1-15), apparently a different issue from that listed in ESTC, in which the imprint reads 'Printed for the author, and sold at the lecture-room, Beaufort Buildings' and there is no volume designation on the title-page. Issue No.1 is the second edition; the printed slip at

the end of issue 13 announces its cessation for the season after the following issue (though it actually continued to a 15th number).

Crane & Kaye 879.

111. THELWALL, John. *Sober Reflections on the seditious and inflammatory letter of the Right Hon. Edmund Burke, to a noble lord. Addressed to the serious consideration of his fellow citizens. London, H. D. Symonds, 1796.*

8vo, pp. [4], 116; some light foxing and spotting, and paper generally yellowing, but otherwise clean; contemporary ownership signature on half-title and title-page; in recent cloth-backed boards, cloth edged in gilt, gilt lettering on spine. £500

First edition of this attack on Burke's *Letter to a noble lord*. Burke had argued against the use of pensions, on the grounds that they were in effect a form of political bribery, while at the same time having lobbied hard (and successfully) to receive a pension himself from George III. Thelwall was not alone in noticing Burke's hypocrisy, but the *Sober reflections* extend to a thoroughgoing attack on Burke's political philosophy, temperament, and hostility to revolutionary ideas.

112. [THIMS, Gregory]. *The Protestant informer, or information to all Protestants: shewing the causes and end, of thus unjust warre, plotted by Romish Jesuites, and now managed by English Papists ... London, 1643.*

4to, pp. [2], 14, [8]; a very good copy, disbound. £300

First and only edition, an anti-Catholic tract associating the Royalist cause in the Civil War with the influence of the Roman church.

Wing S4038A (erroneously attributing the work to George Smith).

113. THOMAS, Thomas. *Virtues of Hazel; or, blessings of government. London: D. I. Eaton, 1794.*

8vo, pp. [2], 33, [1, advertisements]; minor stain to title-page, but otherwise clean and fresh throughout; in recent blue cloth-backed boards, spine lettered in gilt. £150

First and only edition of this essay by Thomas Thomas (of Wareham in Dorset), on the power and role of government as a 'rod in the hands of rulers', the hazel being that used by a father to beat his children. Thomas identifies the characteristics of despotism, the overly flexible nature of the

British constitution ('a compound, monarchic, baronic, and civic; and these estates appear to me too contending for happiness and longevity; and too opposite to constitute a reasonable whole' (p.11), and the attendant scope for it, and the rule of law, simply to be suspended whenever there is a perception that 'the state is in danger'. In the aftermath of the French Revolution, such a perception was to result in the Treason and Seditious Meetings Acts of the following year, of which the publisher Eaton was to fall foul.

114. [TOOKE, John Horne, *and* Charles James FOX.] Proceedings in an Action for Debt, between the Right Honourable Charles James Fox, Plaintiff, and John Horne Tooke, Esq. Defendant, published by the Defendant. *London, J. Johnson, 1792.*

8vo, pp. [2], 85, [1, blank]; slight foxing, small marginal paper-flaw to B5; a very good copy in recent brown buckram, spine lettered directly in gilt. £150

First(?) edition of a protest against the bribery common in Westminster elections. A popular candidate in the constituency of Westminster, Horne Tooke lacked official backing in the election of 1790 and spent only £28 on his campaign, polling behind Fox and Hood. He subsequently challenged the result, but met with no success. 'By an act of 1789 Horne Tooke was liable for the costs incurred, and Fox accordingly brought an action against him for the taxed cost of his expenses. The case was heard before Lord Kenyon on 30 April 1792, and despite Horne Tooke's able harangue on corrupt electoral practices a verdict was found in favour of Fox. The trial proceedings were published as a pamphlet and reissued in 1812 and 1819' (*ODNB*).

ESTC records two 1792 editions, without established precedence.

Goldsmiths' 15461.

115. TOWERS, Joseph. An Examination into the nature and evidence of the charges brought against Lord William Russel, and Algernon Sydney, by Sir John Dalrymple, Bart. In his Memoirs of Great Britain. *London, for the Author, 1773.*

8vo, pp. 47, [1, ads]; an excellent copy in recent quarter cloth over marbled boards, rubbed, black morocco label to spine, gilt. £250

First and only edition of this pamphlet defending two seventeenth-century figures executed for their part in the Rye House Plot, Algernon Sidney (1623-1683) and Lord William Russel (1639-1683), *see above*, who were considered martyrs by the radicals of later centuries.

Joseph Towers (1737-1799) ceased his life in print in 1774 and became a preacher at the Unitarian Chapel on Newington Green, later a hotbed of radicalism. Goldsmiths' 11078.

116. [TRUE PATRIOT.] Matter of fact for the multitude. By a true patriot; though neither a member of the Corresponding Society, the Whig Club, nor any affiliated society of sedition in Europe. Second edition. *London, J. Wright, 1798.* [Bound with:]

[ROSCOE, William.] A Letter to William Roscoe, esq. containing strictures on his late publication entitled “Considerations on the causes, objects, and consequences of the present war”. *New York, E. Sargeant, 1808.*

Two works, 8vo, pp. [2], 38; some foxing and browning, especially to last leaf, and the odd mark; and pp. 64; some browning and spotting throughout, especially to last few leaves; in recent navy boards. £200

I. Second edition, published very shortly after the first, of this defence of Pitt’s handling of the war with France, and of the domestic tensions it occasioned. We have, says the author, ‘had enough of theories and systems fabricated in the philosophical schools of politics. They have exhausted and refuted themselves, and their day is over’. The radical Corresponding Societies fall under this umbrella, and ‘have been the instruments of destruction to every state which the French arms have subjugated.’

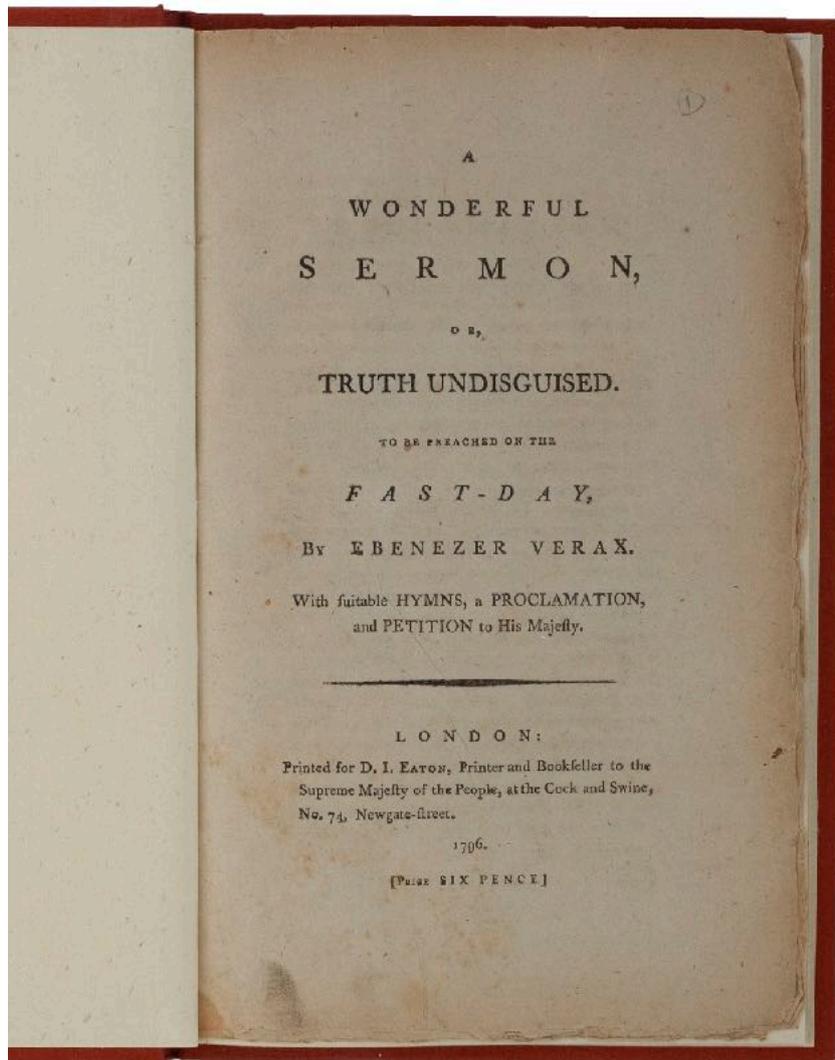
II. First American printing (first, Liverpool, 1808) of this response to *Considerations on the causes, objects, and consequences of the present war* by the historian and politician William Roscoe. Roscoe had argued in favour of peace with Napoleon; the anonymous author of this letter questions Roscoe’s praise for the French rallying round their government ‘whatever that government might be ... It may be asked whether you as an Englishman have done that which you praise in Frenchmen? The ministry of this country is its government for the time being. But, Sir, have you rallied round it?’.

A PROCLAMATION FOR STARVATION

117. ‘VERAX, Ebenezer’, *pseud.* A Wonderful Sermon, or, truth undisguised. To be preached on the fast-day ... With suitable hymns, a proclamation, and petition to His Majesty. [Price six pence].
London, D. I. Eaton, 1796.

8vo, pp. 16; the last few leaves foxed, occasional dusty marks and one or two corners folded, but a very good copy, uncut in recent brown cloth, spine gilt, bound in with numerous blanks. £375

Second issue, possibly preceded by an undated issue priced three pence, of this pseudonymous, rabidly republican pamphlet in the form of a ‘proclamation’ by the King of Hog Island for a ‘general starvation’. This is followed by a ‘sermon’ calling for war with France, accompanied by



suitably apocalyptic biblical verses. The printer was Daniel Isaac Eaton, under his radical imprint, 'Printer to the Supreme Majesty of the People'.

Goldsmiths' 16892.

118. **W**ALKER, Henry]. The Remonstrance of the Commons of England to the House of Commons assembled in Parliament. Preferred to them by the hands of the speaker. [*London,*] 1643.

4to, pp. [2], 12; slightly dampstained at foot, but a good copy, lower edge uncut, in recent green cloth. £100

One of at least seven editions printed in London or Oxford in the same year; an appeal for peace on behalf of the people of England, asserting that the Commons had no authority to make war on the King in their name.

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LORD ELDON'S COPY

119. WATSON, Richard. *An Apology for the Bible, in a Series of Letters, addressed to Thomas Paine, Author of a Book entitled The Age of Reason, Part the Second, being an Investigation of true and of fabulous Theology ...* third Edition. *London, T. Evans, Cadell & Davies, P. Elmsley, J. Debrett, J. Robson, and R. Faulder, 1796.*

12mo, pp. [4], 385, [1, blank], [2, advertisements]; tear to N2; a good copy in contemporary marbled calf, edges speckled green; rubbed, splits to joints, lower board detached; upper board signed 'Henry', ink ownership inscription of John Scott to half-title with his booklabel to upper pastedown, very occasional pencil markings and annotation. £350

Third edition of 'a crucial defence of the political and social order' (*ODNB*), published the same year as the first edition. Though his first political sermon, *The Principles of the Revolution Vindicated*, was in 1776 interpreted as a radical statement of support for the American rebels, Richard Watson, Bishop of Llandaff from 1782, remained a staunch defender of Lockian principles and by the 1790s was seen as conservative, his most successful work being the present criticism of Paine's deism.

From the library of John Scott, first earl of Eldon (1751-1838), a member of Pitt's ministry who, as Attorney-General from 1793, prosecuted cases of sedition and treason against the radicals influenced by Paine's *Rights of Man*. The 'best hated man in England' (*ODNB*), he led the prosecutions of John Horne Tooke and Thomas Hardy, defended the harsh sentences imposed on the Scottish Martyrs, and implemented the Traitorous Correspondence Act of 1793 and the Treasonable Practices and Seditious Meetings Acts of 1795, greatly restricting free assembly and freedom of speech.

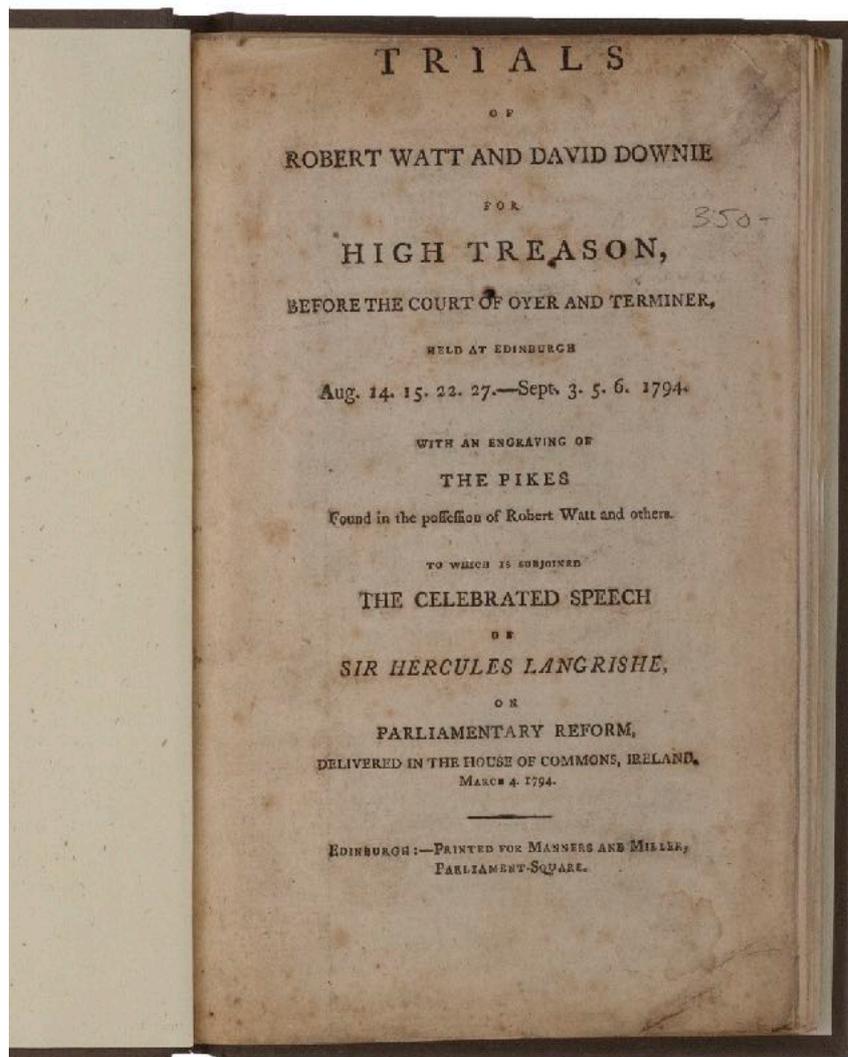
THE PIKE PLOT

120. [WATT, Robert.] *Trials of Robert Watt and David Downie for High Treason ... with an engraving of the pikes ... to which is subjoined the celebrated speech of Sir Hercules Langrishe, on Parliamentary reform ... Edinburgh, Manners and Miller, [1794].*

8vo, pp. [4], 92, with a full-page woodcut illustration of the pikes; some stains but a good copy in modern grey cloth. £450

First edition, scarce, later reprinted in London and Philadelphia (without the illustration).

Robert Watt was an Edinburgh wine merchant and would-be radical, who had previously been in an informant to Robert Dundas. He was executed for his part in the 'Pike Plot', a supposed plan to seize the city in a coup, which may have only ever been imaginary. Watt claimed he was acting



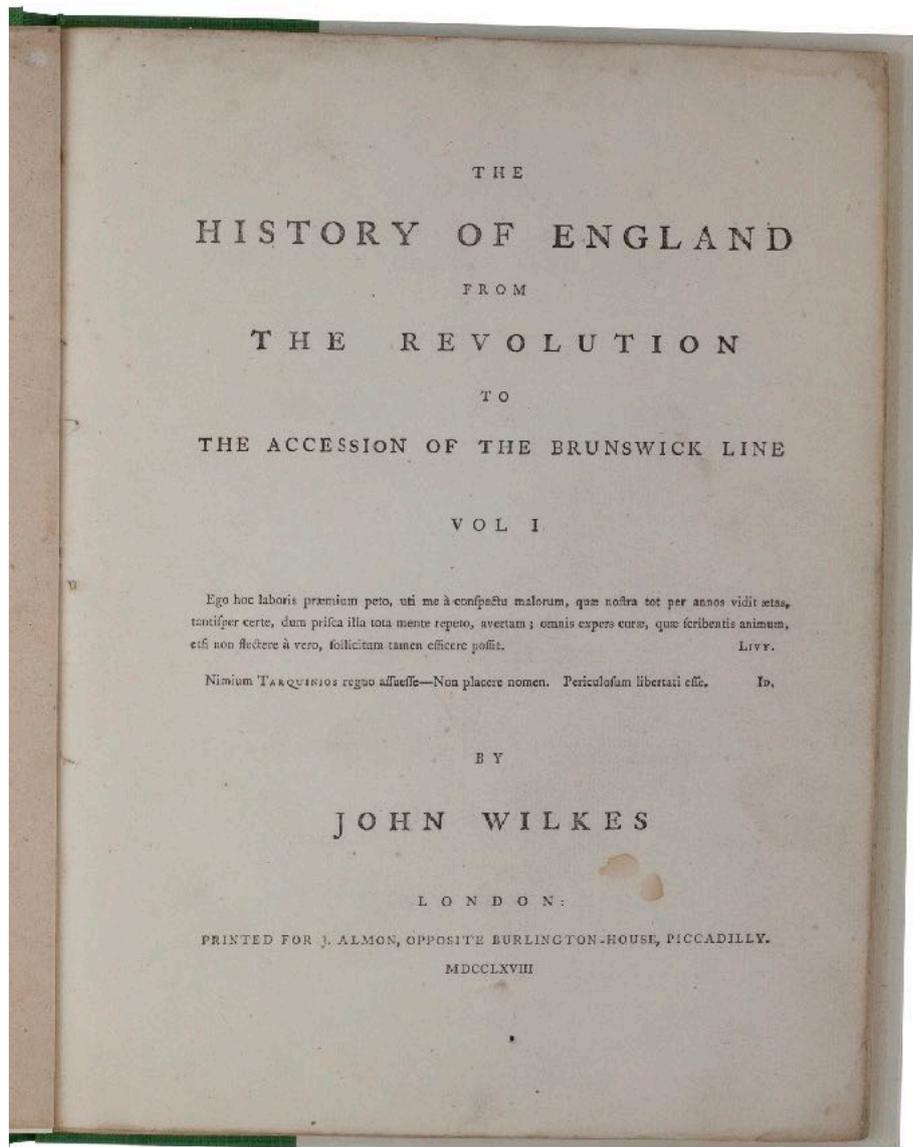
as an *agent provocateur*; all the other conspirators turned King's evidence except Downie, whose sentence was commuted.

Goldsmiths' 16166.

121. WATT, Robert. The Declaration and confession of Robert Watt, written, subscribed, & delivered by himself, the evening before his execution for high treason, at Edinburgh, October 15. 1794 ... *Edinburgh, Bell & Bradfute, 1794.*

8vo, pp. iv, 35, [1], wanting the frontispiece; a few spots and stains, but a good copy, partly untrimmed, in modern cloth; ownership inscription of William Dow, 1794, to title-page. £150

First edition. Goldsmiths' 16165.



122. WILKES, John. *The History of England from the Revolution to the accession of the Brunswick line. Vol. I* [*all published*]. *London, J. Almon, 1768.*

4to, pp. [2], 39, [1 blank], [1, ads], [1 blank]; without the half-title and second leaf of advertisements found in some copies; a very good, clean copy in recent half green cloth and white paper boards, gilt. £250

First edition of this Wilkes fragment, the introduction to an unfinished work; the leaf of advertisements present here promises 'the reigns of King William and Queen Anne are in the press and will speedily be published'.

123. [WILKES, John.] The Life and political writings of John Wilkes, Esq; four times elected Knight of the Shire for the County of Middlesex, and Alderman Elect of the Ward of Farringdon Without, London. *Birmingham, Sketchley and Co., 1769.*

8vo, pp. viii, 522; title-page slightly dusty, one or two spots and ink blots, whole to 3Q4 affecting one word, repaired; else a very good copy in recent blue cloth, spine gilt, red lettering-piece. £200

First and only edition, scarce. At the rear of this edition is a complicated note to the subscribers, promising a second volume, never published; and a portrait of Wilkes, not yet finished, to be delivered *gratis* with the second part. The second part was to have commenced with the famous 'issue 45' of Wilkes's *North Briton*.

The publisher Sketchley blames his difficulties on the wish of certain of his subscribers that Wilkes's journal the *North Briton* be provided in its entirety. 'The Editor is therefore forced to conclude this volume here, in which the public is obliged for *four shillings* only, with *more* than enters into the new edition of the *North Briton*'s, now publishing by Mr Bingley for half a guinea, and are therefore savers of *six shillings and six pence*'. Sketchley offers, in lieu of the portrait, an 'additional half-sheet ... [which] we hope the subscribers will accept of', though it is unclear what this refers to.

124. WILKES, John, and John Horne TOOKE. The controversial Letters of John Wilkes ... John Horne, and their principal adherents, with a supplement, containing material anonymous pieces, &c. &c. &c. *London, Sherlock for Williams, 1771.*

8vo, pp. [2], 320; first and last leaves slightly dusty, some scattered foxing, else a very good copy in twentieth-century library half morocco, rubbed; spine with raised bands, gilt; two engraved portraits mounted to front free endpapers, ink borders; inkstamps and bookplate of Norwich Public Libraries; presentation inscription dated 1900 signed by a member of the Tooke family; notes in ink to title-page, one or two further annotations to text. £150

First and only edition thus. Letters charting the friendship and quarrels of John Wilkes (1725-1797) and John Horne Tooke (1736-1812). Tooke was a member of the Society of Supporters of the Bill of Rights, which existed to pay of Wilkes's debts in the name of the radical cause, but he later fell out with Wilkes over the use of these funds.

125. [WILKES.] *An Authentick account of the proceedings against John Wilkes, Esq; ... containing all the papers relative to this interesting affair, from that gentleman's being taken into custody by his Majesty's messengers, to his discharge at the Court of Common Pleas; with an abstract of that jewel of an Englishmen, the Habeas Corpus Act ... London, J. Williams and J. Burd. [1763.]*

8vo, pp. [4], 12, 17-39, [1]; with a half-title (dusty and with a circular stain); a good copy in modern wrappers. £200

First edition, quickly reprinted in Boston and Philadelphia.

126. [WILKES.] [ALMON, John]. *A Postscript to the letter, on libels, warrants, &c. In answer to a postscript [sic] in the defence of the majority, and another pamphlet, entitled, considerations on the legality of general warrants. London, J. Almon, 1765.*

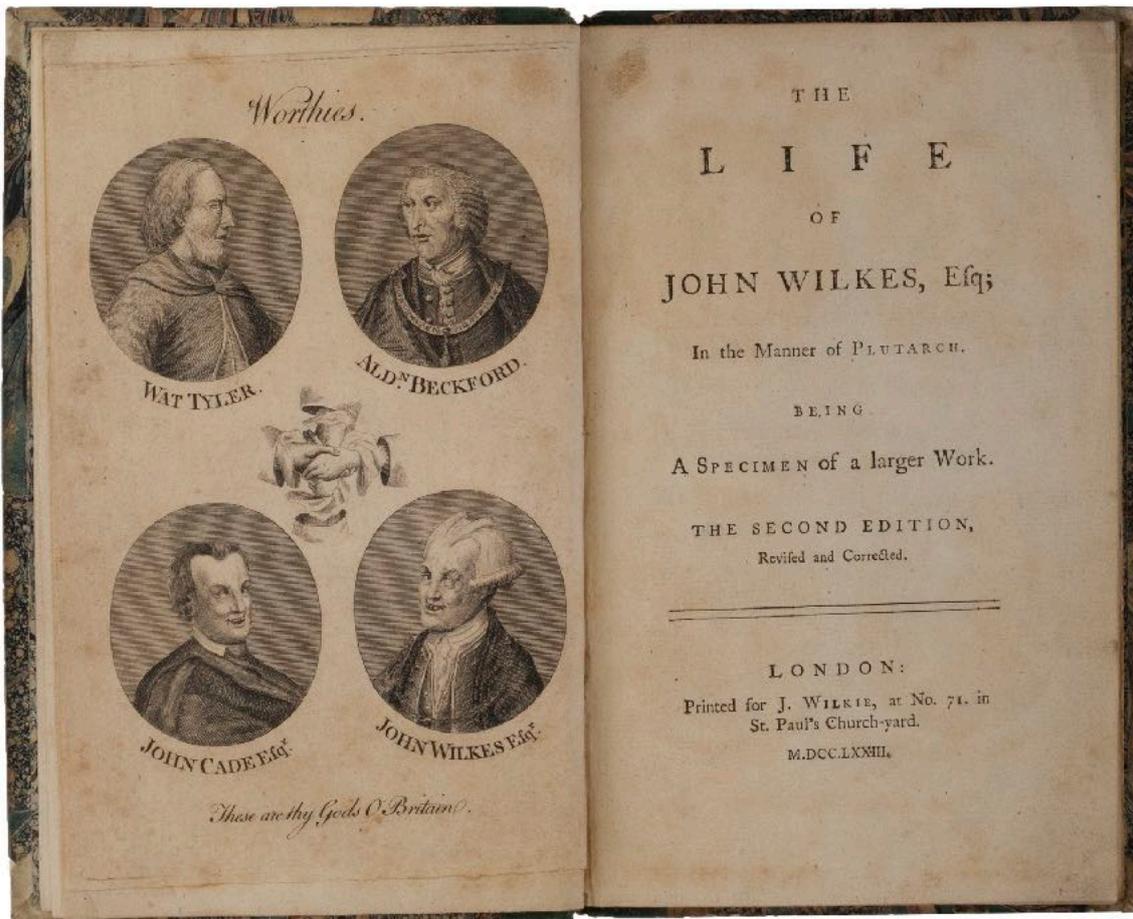
8vo, pp. '7' (i.e. 9), [1 ,blank], [2, ads], 16; a very good, clean copy, disbound, first leaf coming away. £50

First edition, likely the first of four issues in 1765, this with the error in both pagination and the title. This *Postscript* to John Wilkes's *Letter concerning libels* of the same year and Charles Lloyd's *Defence of the majority* (1764) is often attributed to Almon, who published Wilkes's work. It rebuts criticism of the *Letter* and makes additions to the second and third editions.

127. [WILKES.] [CRADOCK, Joseph]. *The Life of John Wilkes, Esq; in the manner of Plutarch. Being a specimen of a larger work. The second edition, revised and corrected. London, J. Wilkie, 1773.*

8vo, pp. [4], 36, with a half-title and an engraved frontispiece with caricature portraits of Wilkes, Wat Tyler, Alderman Beckford and Jack Cade; a good copy in nineteenth-century quarter green morocco; armorial bookplate of Thomas Davidson of Newcastle, inscription dated 1802 in his hand recording its receipt from a friend. £250

Second edition of a satirical 'biography' of Wilkes, published in the same year as the first; Cradock, whose windows had been broken by a Wilkite mob earlier in the year, ironically praises Wilkes's many remarkable achievements.



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128. [WILLIAMS, David]. *Lessons to a young prince, by an old statesman, on the present disposition in Europe to a general revolution. The fifth edition, with the addition of a lesson on the mode of studying and profiting by reflections on the French revolution, by the right honourable Edmund Burke. Dublin, William Jones, 1791.*

12mo, pp. [8], 175, [1, blank]; with five engraved plates; wanting frontispiece portrait of Prince George, sometimes present; title-page somewhat dustsoiled, similarly corners of first few leaves, but otherwise, aside from some odd spotting, clean and fresh; with manuscript note on front free endpaper (dated 1915) and on verso of final leaf (dated 1820), and faint contemporary ownership signatures on p. iii, and p.1, dated 1795; in later cloth, skiver label on spine; somewhat sunned and worn. £275

First Dublin edition of this popular introduction to practical political philosophy by the Welsh polemicist, educationalist, and philosopher David Williams (1738-1816).

Lessons, first published in London in 1790, functions both as an attack on Burke (made more explicit from the third edition on by the addition of the final lesson) and as a guide to different

types of constitution. Williams in particular illustrates, using helpful diagrams, the constitutional structures of Britain, the United States, and France, writing with a degree of sympathy for the revolution in France, whose citizenship he took the following year.

WORDSWORTH'S FIRST APPEARANCE IN PRINT

129. [WORDSWORTH, William]. 'Sonnet, on seeing Miss Helen Maria Williams weep at a Tale of Distress', in *The European Magazine, and London Review: containing the Literature, History, Politics, Arts, Manners & Amusements of the Age*. By the Philological Society of London. Vol. XI. for 1787 ... London, Printed for J. Sewell, 1787.

8vo, with frontispiece, engraved title-page, and six monthly issues, pp. 9-464, [12, index and one leaf of advertisements], with 11 (of 16) plates, wanting all before C1 (p. 9); contemporary half calf, rebacked and recornered, large printed label for G. Newcombe's Circulating Library and News Room, Stonehouse (Plymouth). £650

First edition. Wordsworth was still at grammar school in Hawkshead when this sonnet appeared in the issue for March 1787 (vol. XI, p. 202). This was his first appearance in print, a youthful effusion that he never revived or collected. It is signed with the pseudonym 'Axiologus' (from 'axios', worthy, and 'logos', word), a pun that he and Coleridge were to use more than once.

Helen Maria Williams, some ten years Wordsworth's senior, had already achieved some prominence as a poet with the publication of *Peru* (1784), an epic condemning European exploitation of South America, and *Poems* (1786). Several other tributes to her appeared in periodicals in the same year as Wordsworth's. In 1790 and 1791 both Williams and Wordsworth were in revolutionary France, but they did not meet until 1820, finding that they had much in common. 'Like so many of their generation, they had both lost faith ... in the power of political change to make men happier' (Todd).

George Harris Healey, *The Cornell Wordsworth Collection* 458; F. M. Todd, 'Wordsworth, Helen Maria Williams and France', *MLR*, 1948, pp. 456-64

130. WYVILL, Rev. Christopher. *A Defence of Dr. Price, and the reformers of England*. [York], W. Blanchard for J. Johnson and J. Stockdale, London, and York, J. Todd, 1792.

8vo, pp. [4], vii, [1, ads], 5-100; half-title; an excellent copy in recent purple cloth, spine gilt. £250

First edition of this moderate radical pamphlet arguing for the legitimate rejoicing of English liberals in both the French Revolution and the success of the American Republic, without their

possessing any invidious feeling towards the English constitution: for evidently the Bourbon monarchy was tyrannical; and in any case, different governments are suited to different climates.

Richard Price (1723-1791) was for many years preacher at the radical Newington Green Unitarian Chapel, where he would have known Joseph Johnson. Christopher Wyvill (1740-1822) was a member of the Yorkshire Association and corresponded with London radicals such as Priestley, which would explain the relationships evident in this pamphlet.

Goldsmiths' 15506.

131. WYVILL, *Rev. Christopher*. *A Letter to the Right Hon. William Pitt ... York, J. Johnson, [1793]*.

8vo, pp. [4], 35, [1, blank]; light dampstain to corner of first few leaves, otherwise clean and fresh; uncut in recent orange cloth, title in gilt on spine. £250

First edition of this open letter by the York reformer Christopher Wyvill to Pitt, arguing against the prosecution of the war against revolutionary France, which Wyvill saw as both unwarranted and sufficiently expensive as to cause material hardship in Yorkshire. Wyvill was in any case disappointed in Pitt, who had failed to promote, as he suggested he might, the parliamentary and electoral reform that had been lobbied for by the Yorkshire Association and others over the previous fifteen years.