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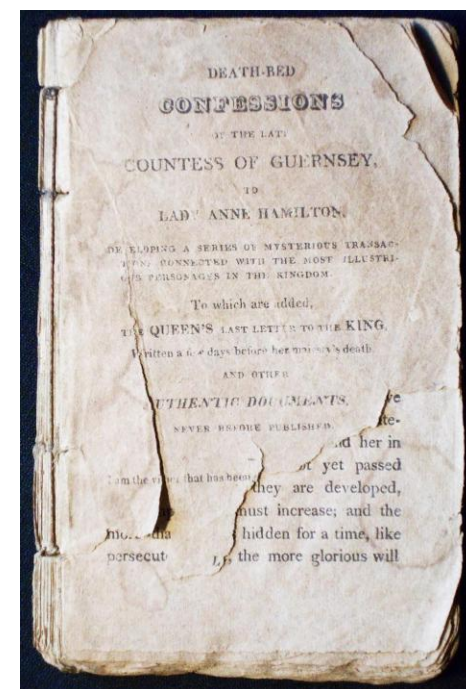
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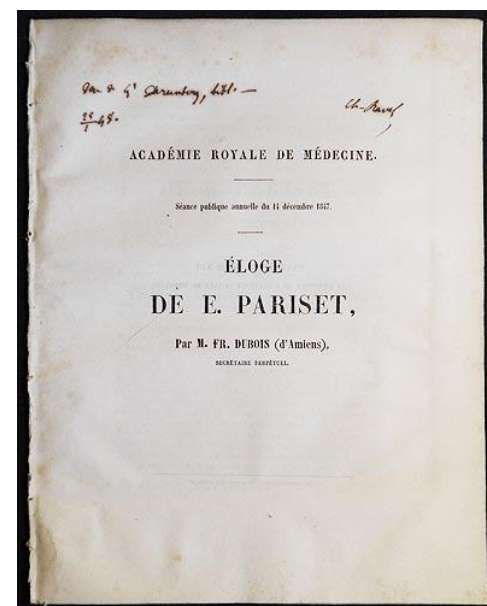
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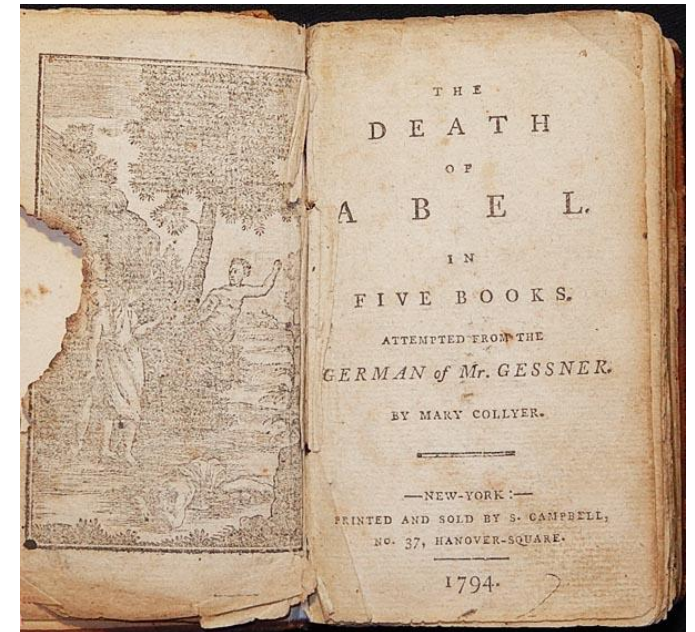
1. The **Death-Bed** Confessions of the Late Countess of Guernsey, to Lady Anne Hamilton: Developing a Series of Mysterious Transactions Connected with the Most Illustrious Personages in the Kingdom; To which are added, The Queen's Last Letter to the King, Written a few days before her majesty's death, and other Authentic Documents, never before published. London: s.n., 1822. 132 p.; 16 cm. Lacking binding. Purports to be the confession of the Countess of Guernsey (1753-1821), who takes the blame for the scandalously poor relationship between Queen Caroline and King George IV. Various attributed to: Lady Anne Hamilton (1766-1846); Olivia Serres aka Princess Alive of Cumberland (1772-1834); Hamilton and Serres together; and Shakespeare forger William Henry Ireland (1777-1835). Whoever the author was, it inspired Edgar Allen Poe's "The Purloined Letter." Scarce. In Fair Condition: lacking lower part of title page, with loss of imprint except for th "L" from London, and lacking upper corner, without loss of text; closed 7-cm. tear in title page; pages are brown and slightly stained; complete. (#006860) \$65.00



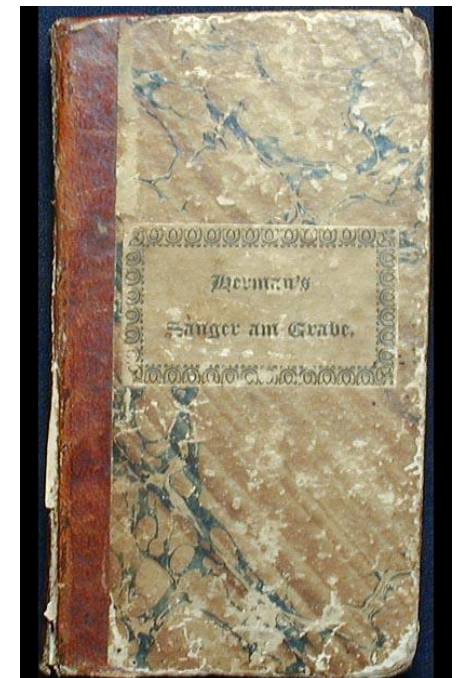
2. Dubois d'Amiens, Frederic. **Éloge de E. Pariset, par M. Fr. Dubois (d'Amiens), Secrétaire Perpétuel.** Paris: Imprimerie de L. Martinet, 1847. 31, [1] p.; 37 cm. Extrait du Tome XIII des Mémoires de l'Académie Royale de Médecine. "Ch Ravel" written next to title and a note in the same hand on the title page; several additional ink notations in the text. Disbound from a collection of pamphlets owned by French homeopath Dr. Charles Ravel (1822-1887). The author, Frederic Dubois d'Amiens (1797-1873), was a French physician and historian. He became the Royal Academy of Medicine's Secrétaire Perpétuel in 1847, on the **death** of Étienne Pariset, and served until his own **death** in 1873. Étienne Pariset (1770-1847) was a French physician who founded the Société Protectrice des Animaux and was a doctor at the Salpêtrière Hospital, where he was the physician for the insane. In Very Good Condition: small dampstain at tail of spine; light foxing, primarily along upper edges and fore-edges of first and last pages; otherwise, clean. (#005890) \$85.00



3. Gessner, Salomon; Collyer, Mary, translator. **The Death of Abel: in Five Books; attempted from the German of Mr. Gessner by Mary Collyer** [*bound with: The Death of Cain*]. New York: S. Campbell, 1794. 237, [3], 98 p.: frontispiece; 14 cm. Signatures: A-U6; A-H6 16(-12-6) (12mo). Contemporary calf with modern archival spine and hinge repair. Remains of gilt-tooled spine label with title: Cain and Abel. Two unnumbered pages of publisher's advertisements follow text. Early Am. Imprints, ser. I (Evans), 27049; Rosenbach, Children's Books, 174. Bound with: Mary Collyer's **The Death of Cain: in Five Books; After the Manner of The Death of Abel by a Lady** (New York: S. Campbell, 1794). Published anonymously; attributed to Mary Collyer by Halkett & Laing. Early Am. Imprints, 1st ser. (Evans) 26858. Former owners' inscriptions on front endpapers and title page of **The Death of Cain** for Samuel Worrall (1806) and Lydia Worrall (1809). Extremely scarce. **The Death of Cain** lacks final 20 pages (pp. 99-119); otherwise in Good Condition: cover is worn; lacking 3x2 cm. of frontispiece; pp. xi-xii is detached but present; lower corner of pp. 191-92 (Abel) lacking, with minimal loss of text; generally light soiling; a few pages have heavier finger soiling. (#003374) \$385.00



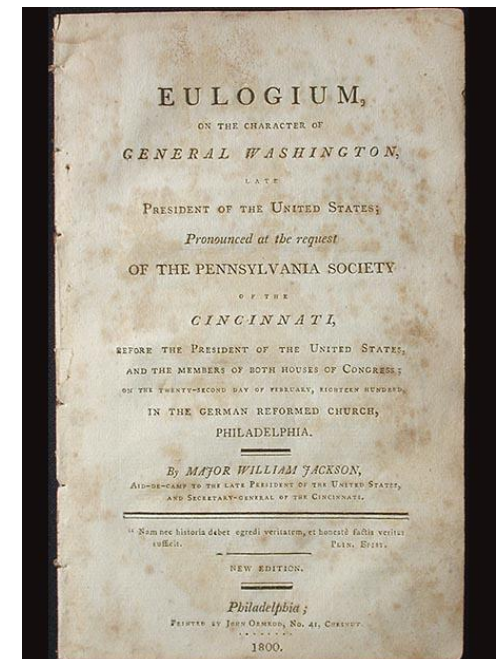
4. Herrman, C.G. (Carl Gebler), editor. **Der Sänger am Grabe: eine Auswahl Lieder zum Gebrauch bei Leichen-Begängnissen; wie auch Trost-Lieder für Solche, die um Geliebte trauern.** Kutztown, Pa. [Kutztown, Pa.]: Hawrecht und Wink, 1845. Zweite Auflage. 212 p.; 16 cm. Contemporary calf spine with four gilt-ruled spine compartments; marbled paper over boards. Printed paper label on front board: "Herman's Sänger am Grabe." Includes indices. Contains 224 hymns for **funerals and burials**, without music; tunes are indicated by title. Scarce Kutztown, Pa., German-language imprint. In Good+ Condition: cover is rubbed; front joint is split but holding; foxing throughout; occasional faint dampstain; otherwise clean and tight. (#002878) \$65.00



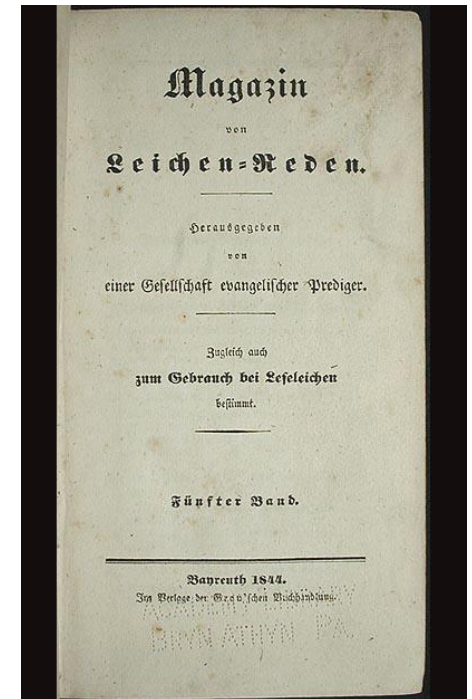
5. Holbein, Hans. **La Danse des Morts**. Paris: GLM, 1949. [60] p.: illustrations; 15 cm. Black wrapper with pastedown on front wrapper of the illustration "Le dernier jour." This is number 599 of a limited edition of 1120 copies printed by Guy Levis Mano in May 1949. Holbein's macabre and amusing engravings illustrating the Dance of **Death**, accompanied by short captions in French. Scarce. In Very Good+ Condition: paper loss at ends of spine; clean and bright. (#003945) \$65.00



6. Jackson, William. **Eulogium**, on the Character of General Washington, Late President of the United States; Pronounced at the Request of the Pennsylvania Society of the Cincinnati, Before the President of the United States, and the Members of Both Houses of Congress on the twenty-second day of February, eighteen hundred, in the German Reformed Church, Philadelphia. Philadelphia, Pa.: John Ormrod, 1800. "New Edition." 44 p.; 21 cm. Signatures: [A]2 B-F4 (8vo). Woodcut head piece and tailpiece. Disbound from a miscellaneous volume. Early American Imprints, 1st series (Evans), 37695. President George Washington had died on December 14, 1799, less than three years after leaving office. His sudden **death** inspired mourning throughout the new nation. Major William Jackson fought in the American Revolution and became aide to Major General Benjamin Lincoln before being assigned to General Washington's staff. In 1796 Washington appointed him Collector of the Port of Philadelphia, which post he held until 1801 when President Thomas Jefferson dismissed him. In 1799 Jackson became president of the Society of the Cincinnati, remaining in that office until his death in 1828. Very scarce. In Good+ Condition: disbound; foxed throughout; 2.5-cm. tear from upper edge of 2nd leaf, not touching text; slight loss at upper corners of last two leaves, not touching text; pages are otherwise clean and solid. (#001584) \$275.00



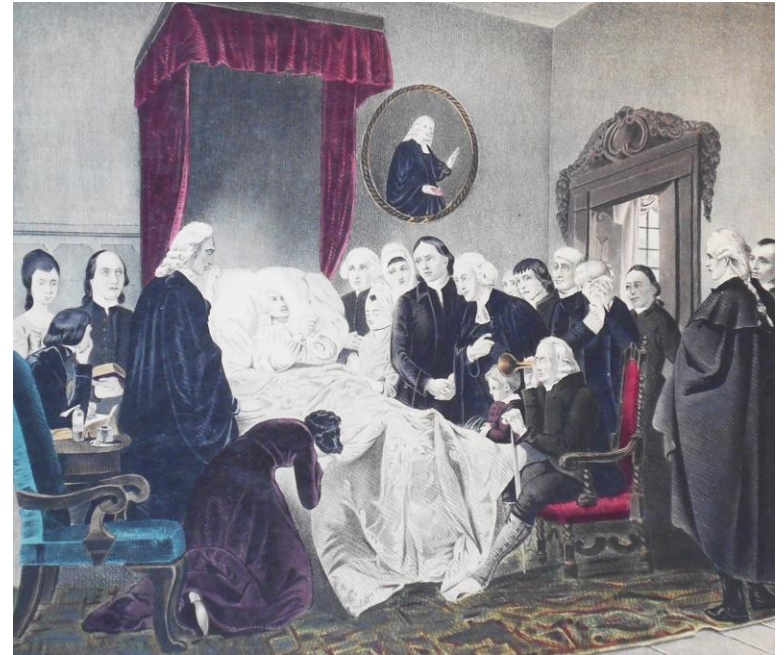
7. **Magazin von Leichen-Reden:** Herausgegeben von einer Gesellschaft Evangelischer Prediger; Zugleich auch zum Gebrauch bei Leseleichen Bestimmt. Bayreuth, Ger.: Grau'schen Buchhandlung, 1844. Volume 5 of this series of **funeral sermons** (6 volumes were published from 1835 through 1849). iv, 290 p.; 23 cm. Original black paper over boards. Spine has been covered in black library book repair material with title and call number in white on spine. All page edges yellow. Both hinges have been repaired with white library hinge repair material. Front fixed endpaper bears book plate of the Swedenborgian school library, the Academy of the New Church Library. Perforated stamp at foot of title page for the Academy Library, Bryn Athyn, Pa. In Good Condition: old repair of spine and hinges, as described above; pages 79-122 dampstained; otherwise a clean and solid copy. (#001263) \$45.00



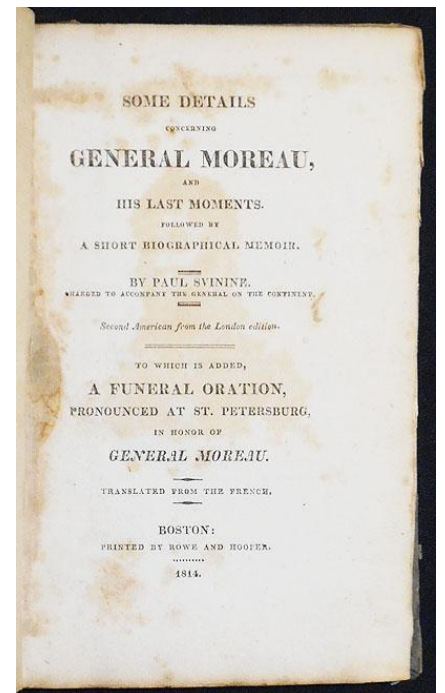
8. Rilke, Rainer Maria. **The Lay of the Love and Death of Cornet Christoph Rilke = Die Weise von Liebe und Tod des Cornets Christoph Rilke;** translated by Stephen Mitchell and illustrated by Warren Chappell [unbound review copy]. San Francisco: Arion Press, 1983. This is an unbound copy sent for review, with a letter from the Arion Press, dated Sept. 15, 1983, explaining that it was made up of "imperfect sheets inserted in a wrapper made of the cloth that is being used for the hardcover binding, with the title labels attached." Includes a copy of the prospectus. [72] p.: illustrations; 32 cm. Loose in a portfolio of the book cloth. When published, this was issued as a limited edition of 300 copies. Contains complete German and English text and illustrations. Possibly unique copy. In Near Fine Condition: occasional light pencil marks; otherwise clean and bright. (#003741) \$385.00



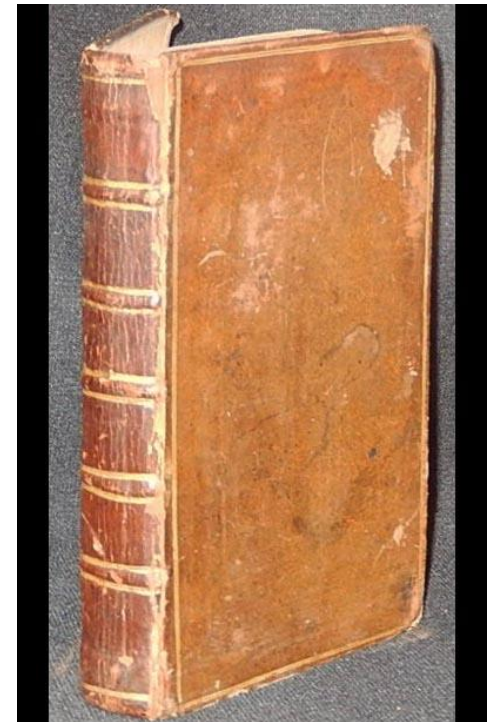
9. Sartain, John. **The Death of the Revd John Wesley, A.M.** [print] Philadelphia: William Smith, 1860. Sheet is 48 x 57 cm. Image is 33 x 38 cm. Hand-colored lithograph produced by Magee's Lithograph Press, 48 S. 3rd St., Philadelphia. No date of publication. John L. Magee, artist, lithographer, and engraver, was located at 48 or 49 S. 3rd St., Philadelphia, only in 1860. Engraved by A. Biggerman after an engraving by John Sartain. Print of deathbed scene of the Reverend John Wesley. Others shown in the image (as identified by Sartain): Sarah Wesley, a medical assistant, the Rev. J. Bradford, the Rev. P. Dickinson, Mrs. Charles Wesley, the Rev. T. Rankin, Mrs. E.A. Rogers, Miss Ritchie, the Rev. J. Rogers, the Rev. J. Creighton, Master Rogers, R.C. Brackenbury, the Rev. T. Broadbent, the Rev. A. Mather, the Rev. J. Broadbent, J. Horton, the Rev. G. Whitfield, Dr. Whitehead, and the Rev. J. Edmonson. Scarce (one copy on WorldCat). In Good Condition: some mat burn; closed tear of 2.5 cm. from upper edge; closed tears of less than 2 cm. from lower edge; lower corner creased; image is clean and bright. (#006727) \$185.00



10. Svinine, Paul. **Some Details concerning General Moreau, and His Last Moments followed by a Short Biographical Memoir by Paul Svinine; to which is added, a Funeral Oration, Pronounced at St. Petersburg, in Honor of General Moreau; translated from the French.** Boston: Rowe and Hooper, 1814. 156 p.; 19 cm. Original white paper over spine and plain grey paper over boards. Pages are untrimmed. The subject of this volume is Jean Victor Marie Moreau (1763-1813), a French General under Napoleon Bonaparte, who was banished from France in 1803. He arrived in New York City in 1805 and settled near the Delaware River in northern New Jersey. In 1813 he returned to Europe and was **mortally wounded** at the Battle of Dresden in August 1813. Very scarce. In Very Good- Condition: lacking much of paper over spine; boards are lightly soiled and rubbed with some loss of paper; light foxing throughout, heavier on title page and a few other pages; otherwise clean and tight. (#004135) \$75.00



11. Young, Edward. The Complaint: or, Night-Thoughts on Life, Death, and Immortality; To which is added, a Paraphrase on part of the Book of Job. London: A. Millar, and R. and J. Dodsley, 1758. "A New Edition, Corrected by the Author." iii, 315, [1] p.; 17 cm. Contemporary full polished calf with six spine compartments between raised bands and double gilt rules. Double gilt-ruled border on each board. All page edges speckled red. "Notes": p. [309]-315. Publisher's advertisements for A. Millar on one page following text. Lacking frontispiece. Small printed bookplate on front fixed endpaper of Samuel Eakin, dated 1763. Most of another small printed bookplate, dated 1793, has been removed. Former owners' names on front fixed endpaper largely erased. Former owner's name in pencil at head of p. [1]: "S.P. Shinn, 1860." Lacking frontispiece; otherwise, in Good+ Condition: edges rubbed; joints starting but solid, with minor loss at head of front joint; small hole in leather on front board; lacking both free endpapers and lower corner of last leaf, with minor loss from publisher's advertisement; foxing; former ownership marks, as noted; otherwise, clean and tight. (#003912) \$95.00

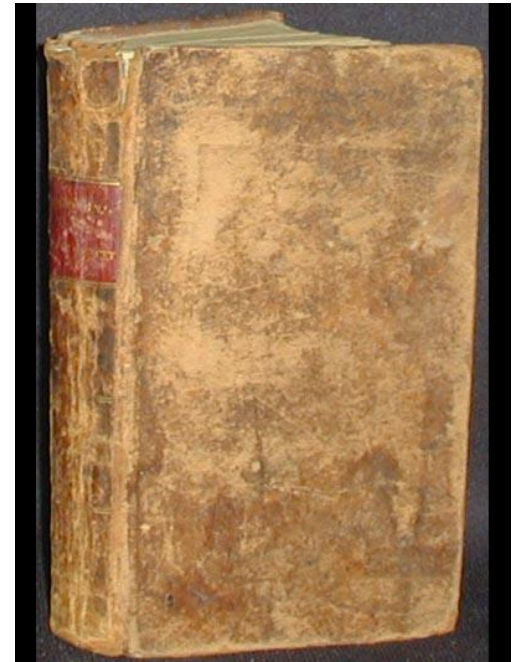


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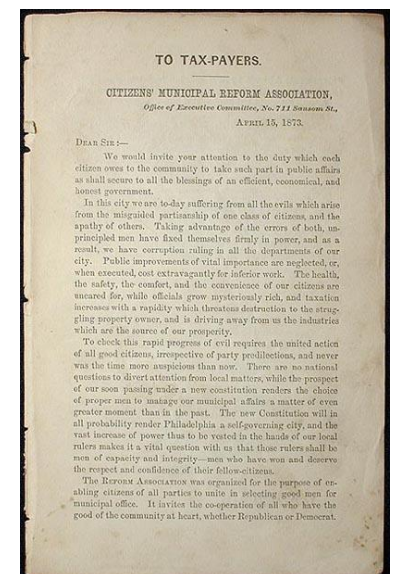
12. Assessment Roll of the Inhabitants of Monroe, Orange Co., N.Y., taken by Jeremiah Knight, Harrison Cornell, and Robert Wright, 1845. Monroe, N.Y.: s.n., 1845. [approx. 120] p. book, with writing on the first half. Original calf back board. Attached is the official printed order to Samuel Pelcer, the collector of Monroe, for **tax collection** based on the assessment roll, with directions for the distribution of the collected money to the town superintendent of schools, the commissioners of highways, the town supervisor, and the county treasurer; signed by 15 men on 22 Nov. 1845. Contains the assessment of real and personal property of approximately 350 residents of the town of Monroe, Orange Co., N.Y. Lacking original front board and most leather over spine; otherwise, in Very Good Condition: text block split; manuscript text is complete; pages lightly soiled; printed order is intact and clean. (#006923) \$225.00

	Acre	Real	Personal	Total
Andrews Joseph R	93	2800	+	2800
Appala James	50	150	+	150
Arda John	1	200	+	200
Ashman Robert	176	1300	+	1300
Allen Walter	61	1400	150	1550
Achie William	1	300	+	300
Baird William	60	800	+	800
Brown John H	332	4900	+	4900
Brooks John	980	4850	700	5550
" " for E. H. James	1000	3500	+	3500
Barton Roger	100	1600	+	1600
Brush John	30	150	+	150
Bull Susan T. Hobson	8	300	+	300
Bucke Henry for Midland	70	900	+	900
Burke Edmund		1400	+	1400
Bulla James		400	+	400
Brooks Joseph	200	2400	+	2400
Bucher John A	200	2400	200	2600
Buback Richmond	274	2000	+	2000
Bush James	48	800	+	800
" " for Henry Bush	28	800	+	800
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13. Goodwin, Isaac. Town Officer: or, Laws of Massachusetts relative to the Duties of Municipal Officers; together with a digest of the decisions of the Supreme Judicial Court upon those subjects. Worcester, Mass.: Dorr and Howland, 1825. Printed by William Manning, Worcester. xi, [2], 14-336 p.; 18 cm. Contemporary full calf with five spine compartments between double gilt-rules. Red leather label in second compartment with gilt-tooled title: Goodwin's Town Officer. Includes Errata on p. xi. Former owner's inscription on blank leaf following front free endpaper: "Wm. Trowbridge Jr. Town Officer." First edition. Contents: Assessors -- Auctioneers -- **Collectors of Taxes** -- Constables -- Cullers of Staves and Hoops -- Cullers of Dry Fish -- Engine-Men -- Fence Viewers -- Field Drivers -- Fires and Firewards -- Health Committee -- Hog-Reeves -- Impounding -- Measurers of Wood and Bark -- Militia -- Moderator -- Overseers of the Poor -- Overseers of Work-Houses -- Parishes and Parish Officers -- Poor -- Schools -- Selectmen -- Small Pox and Kine Pox -- Sealer of Weights and Measures -- Surveyors of Highways -- Surveyors of Lumber, &c. -- Surveyors and Cullers of Dry Fish -- Town Clerk -- Town Treasurer -- Towns -- Tythingmen -- Voters -- Weighers -- Weights and Measures -- Work-Houses. The Appendix contains the 1822 act establishing the city of Boston; a table listing the towns in Massachusetts with their populations as of 1824; forms used by town officers; legislation passed in 1825 relative to town officers; and a table for use by measurers of wood and bark. In Very Good- Condition: leather is rubbed; minor loss of at head of spine; front joint separated from head for 2 cm.; corners of boards are rubbed through; pp. 261-62 has 3-cm. tear from fore-edge with no loss of text; dampstaining along lower edge of first few leaves; occasional foxing and browning; otherwise clean and tight. (#003055) \$85.00

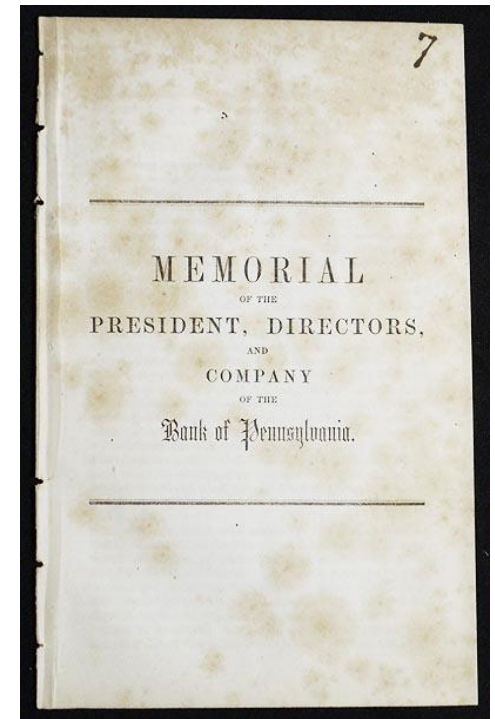


14. Lea, Henry C. To Tax-Payers. Philadelphia, Pa.: Citizens' Municipal Reform Association, 1873. 4 p.; 18 cm. No wrapper (as issued?). Disbound from a nounce volume. Issued by the Citizens' Municipal Reform Association prior to the May 1873 election to urge voters to support Reform candidates for Philadelphia city government. Officers listed include Henry C. Lea, president; R. Rundle Smith, vice president; and Charles Wheeler, treasurer. Other members listed include L.P. Ashmead, John J. Ridgway, Jr., Lemuel Coffin, and A.J. Drexel. Includes a list of members to accept new members by ward. In Very Good+ Condition: light soiling; corners lightly creased. (#001211) \$25.00

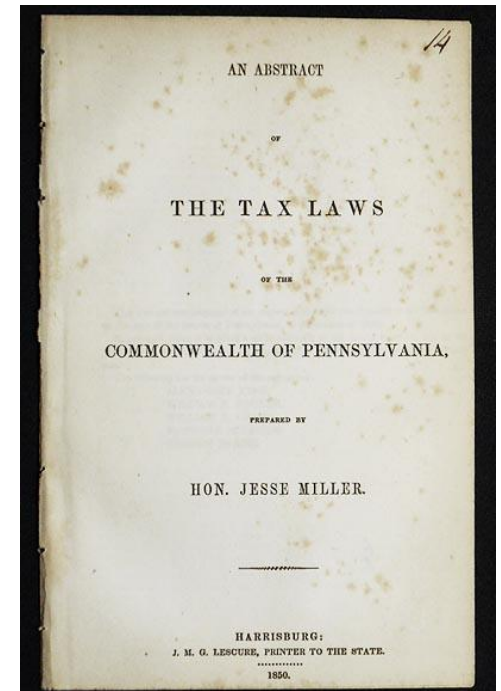


15. Memorial of the President, Directors, and Company of the Bank of Pennsylvania.

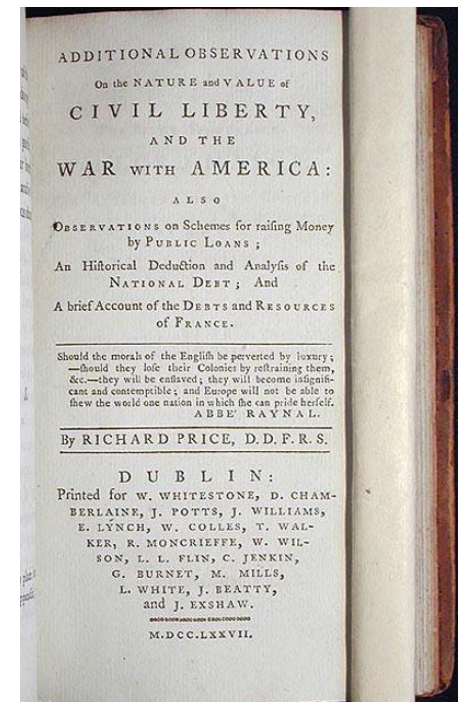
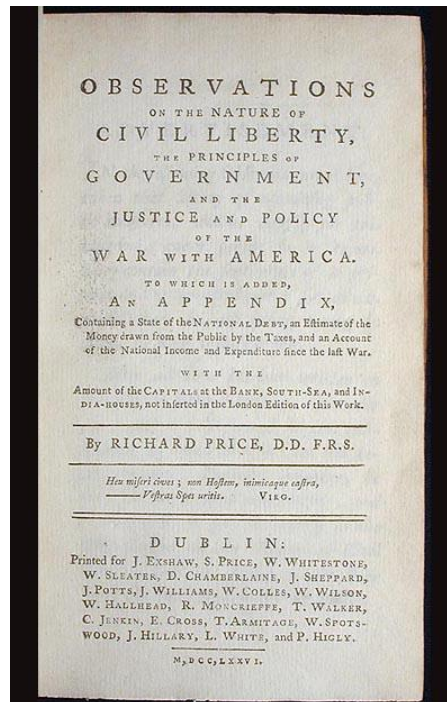
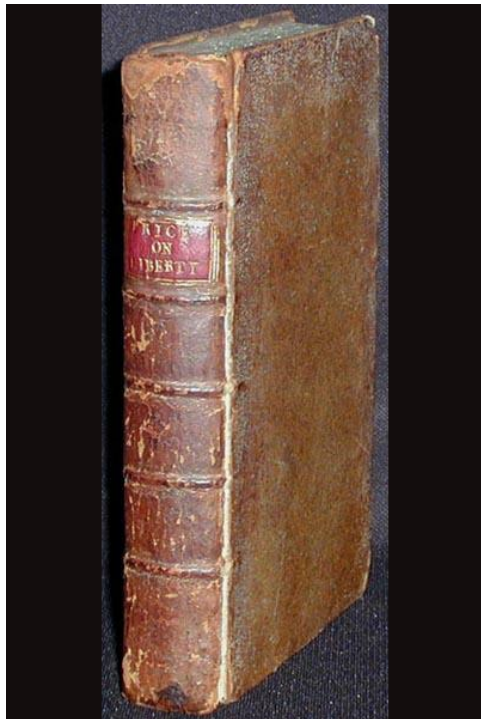
Harrisburg: Pennsylvania Treasury, 1851. 10 p.; 24 cm. Disbound from a volume of unrelated 19th-century pamphlets. "7" in ink at upper right-hand corner of title page. No date of publication but published in response to the declaration in 1851 by the state treasurer, John M. Bickel, that the Bank of Pennsylvania was subject to the **tax on dividends**. Very scarce. In Good Condition: disbound; heavily foxed; otherwise, clean and tight. (#005089) \$65.00



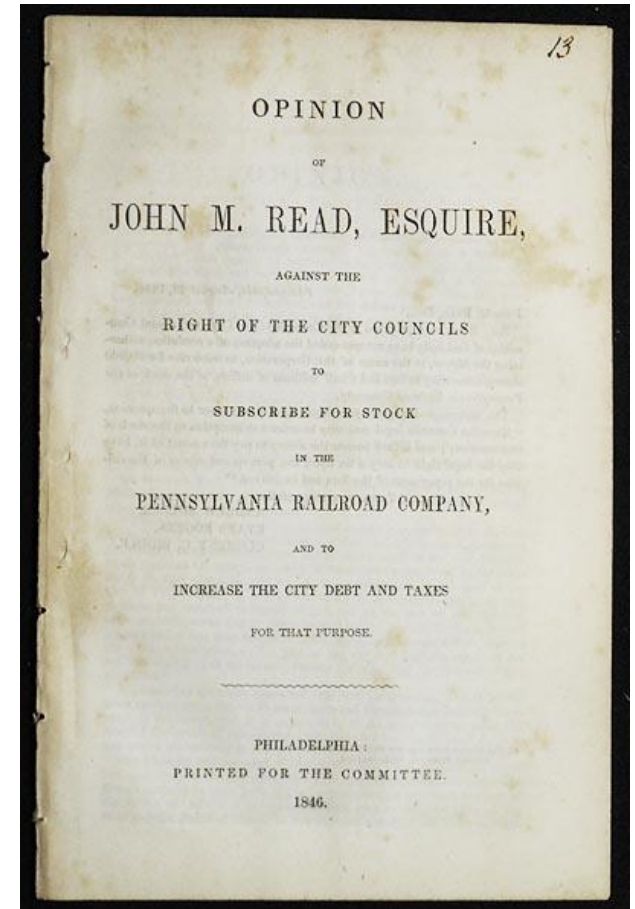
16. Miller, Jesse. An Abstract of the Tax Laws of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania, prepared by Hon. Jesse Miller. Harrisburg: J.M.G. Lescure, printer to the State, 1850. 11, [1] p.; 22 cm. "This abstract was prepared at the request, and under the direction of the Committee on Finance of the Senate of Pennsylvania, at the session of 1850": p. [3]. The committee consisted of Alexander King, William F. Packer, William A. Crabb, Maxwell McCaslin, and George Darsie. Disbound from a volume of unrelated 19th-century pamphlets. "14" in ink at upper right-hand corner of title page. Cohen, Bib. of Early American Law, 10634. Jesse Miller (1800-1850) served as sheriff of Perry County, Pa., before being elected first to the Pennsylvania House of Representatives, then the state Senate, and then the U.S. Congress. Scarce. In Very Good- Condition: first leaf detached but present; light foxing, primarily to title page; otherwise, clean and tight. (#005097) \$75.00



17. Price, Richard. *Observations on the Nature of Civil Liberty, the Principles of Government, and the Justice and Policy of the War with America: To which is added, an Appendix, containing a State of the National Debt, and Estimate of the Money drawn from the Public by the Taxes, and an Account of the National Income and Expenditure since the last War; With the Amount of the Capitals at the Bank, South-Sea, and India-Houses, not inserted in the London Edition of this Work. BOUND WITH: Price's Additional Observations (1777).* Dublin: J. Exshaw, 1776. Nineteen additional booksellers in Dublin also listed on title page. [8], 180 p.: 1 leaf of a folded table; 17 cm. Signatures: pi4 B-H12 I6 (12mo). Contemporary speckled sheep; six spine compartments between raised bands. Red morocco spine label in second compartment with gilt-tooled title "Price on Liberty." Blind-rolled pattern on board edges. Folded plate is printed within engraved decorative border. See Howes P-586. Bound with: Price's *Additional Observations on the Nature and Value of Civil Liberty, and the War with America* (Dublin: Printed for W. Whitestone, [et al], 1777). xxiii, [1], 260, [4] p.: tables. Last 2 leaves blank. Signatures: A-L12. Howes P-583. Bookplate of the Earl of Annesley with the Annesley crest on front fixed endpaper. Price was a prominent British advocate of American independence and these works played an important role in the American Revolution. In Very Good Condition: rubbed, most heavily at corners and head of spine; joints tender. Both titles internally clean, crisp, and bright. The Dublin edition of *Additional Observations* is extremely scarce. (#000962) \$1,200.00



18. Read, John Meredith. **Opinion of John M. Read, Esquire, Against the Right of the City Councils to Subscribe for Stock in the Pennsylvania Railroad Company, and to Increase the City Debt and Taxes for that purpose.** Philadelphia: Printed for the Committee, 1846. 30 p.; 22 cm. Disbound from a volume of unrelated 19th-century pamphlets. "13" in ink at upper right-hand corner of title page. Printed by the United States Book and Job Printing Office, Philadelphia. John Meredith Read (1797-1874) was a Philadelphia lawyer who served in the Pennsylvania legislature and as Philadelphia's city solicitor. He became U.S. district attorney of the eastern district of Pennsylvania in 1837 and sat on the state supreme court from 1858 to 1874. In 1846 the Pennsylvania Railroad was incorporated and began to seek subscribers to its stock. At a public meeting, a resolution was adopted recommending that Philadelphia and other municipalities in the state become subscribers, which would require that **taxes** be levied to cover the costs. The opinion of John M. Read was requested by Andrew Miller, Evans Rogers, and Clement C. Biddle, of the Philadelphia Saving Fund Society, regarding whether the city could be authorized to purchase stock in the railroad. Here Read explains why he was of the opinion that the city did not have the authority to buy railroad stock nor to raise a **tax** for cover such a loan. He also argued that "such powers were impolitic, inexpedient and dangerous to be vest in a municipal body." The appendix contains data on the state of the city and county finances at that time. Very scarce. In Very Good- Condition: first leaf detached but present; title page is foxed; otherwise, clean and tight. (#005095) \$85.00



19. Vauban, Sébastien Le Prestre, marquis de. *Project d'Une Dixme Royale: qui Supprimant la Taille, Les Aydes, les Duanes d'une Province à l'autre, les Décimes du Clergé, les Affaires extraordinaires; & tous autres Impôts onereux & non volontaires: Et diminuant le prix du Sel de Moitié & plus, produiroit au Roy un Revenue Certain et Suffisant, sans frais; & sans être à charge à l'un de ses Sujets plus qu'à l'autre, qui s'augmenteroit considerablement par la meilleure Culture des Terres.* S.l.: s.n., 1707. [2], v-xii, 268 p., 2 folded leaves of plates: tables; 16 cm. Signatures: *6(-1) A-L12 M2 (12mo). Remains of full calf with gilt-tooled title on spine. Modern box covered in maroon cloth with gilt-tooled title on spine and front section. Title vignette (printer's device?). Woodcut head-pieces, tail-pieces, and initials. Circular stamp of Dickinson College Library on title page (sold at an auction of items withdrawn from the library). The author, Sébastien Le Prestre Vauban (1633-1707), is considered one of the greatest military engineers of all time. In this treatise he used statistical data to support his argument that all **taxes should be repealed and replaced by a standard 10% **tax** on all agricultural output and on all income from trade and manufactures. After the work was condemned by the royal government, he attempted to reclaim all the copies that he had given away. He was fairly successful -- WorldCat shows only one copy dated 1707. In Fair Condition: lacking 2 leaves of plates?; lacking front board; back board is detached; lacking much of leather and gilt from spine; lacking leaf preceding title page; title page is lightly soiled; minor loss at a few lower page corners; light soiling of a few corners. Box is clean and bright. (#004181) \$600.00**

