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1 **(WARD, Edward).** A Compleat and Humorous Account of all the Remarkable Clubs and Societies in the Cities of London and Westminster, From the R----L S----Y down to the Lumber-Troop, &c. Their Original with Characters of the most noted.....upwards of Twenty Years. London. Printed for J. Wren. 1756. (Seventh edition).

£475.00

(156 x 95). pp, xii, (2), 327, (1). (Note. 247 pp in total. pp 121-247 incorrectly paginated 201-327). Age toned paper and endpapers lightly soiled. Half calf with marbled paper covered boards a little rubbed. Title label lacking from spine. A good sound copy. Very amusing, this satirical work describes mostly fictitious clubs and societies from the Farting Club to the Thieves Club.

2 **PORNY. Mr.** The Elements of Heraldry, containing ... London. Printed for T. Carnan, and F. Newbery, Junior. 1777. (The third edition corrected).

£55.00

(200 x 115). pp, xxiv, 272, (72). Engraved frontispiece and 24 copper plates, some handcoloured with further illustrations in text. Ex library with the usual stamps, marks and label. Blue cloth library binding with red and gilt title label.

3 **(FABLES).** Fables, Lettres, et Varietes Historiques. Auxquelles on a Ajoute un Choix des Meilleurs Satires et Epitres de Boileau. London. C. Dilly. 1794. (New edition).

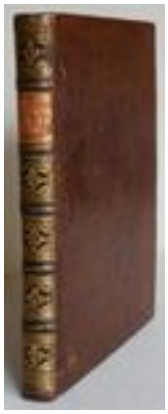
£25.00

12mo (175 x 104). pp, xvi, 449, (1), (2 advert). Text in French. Browning and spotting with some offsetting to title page. Faint ink inscription on front pastedown dated 1807. Endpapers missing. Hinges repaired. Gilt sheep very worn with loss to corners, joints and spine.

4 **MORAND, Sauveur-Jerome.** Histoire de la Ste-Chapelle Royale du Palais,....
Paris. Clousier and Prault. 1790.
£295.00

(260 x 190). pp, iv, 307, (1), 226, (10). Frontispiece and 15 plates, some folding. Printed signature in red in Justificatives. Contents clean, but lacks 2 plates facing p31 and 56. Also lacks p227-228 and approbation and part of PrivIlege du Roi. First gathering of Justificatives bound in wrong order. Contents very clean. Quarter red morocco gilt. Some rubbing but a sound binding. A large book which may require extra postage to be quoted.

5 **ROUSSET. (Jean Rousset de Missy).** Memoires sur le Rang et la Preseance entre les Souverains de l'Europe et entre leurs ministres representans suivant leurs differens Caracteres.....pour servir de supplement a l'Ambassadeur et ses fonctions de Mr. de Wicquefort. Amsterdam. Chez Francois l'Honore et Fils. 1746.
£525.00



(242 x 187). pp, (viii), 237, (3). Text in French. Title page in red and black with engraved vignette. Marbled free endpapers removed ? Red all edges. Contemporary full calf with five raised bands. Richly gilt decoration to compartments and tan and gilt title label. A very good copy. A French Huguenot, Jean Rousset de Missy (1686-1762) was a renowned historian and author. He wrote extensively on international law and his books were important reference works for diplomats. He was also an authority on ceremonial as testified by the current scarce work on rank and precedence in the courts of Europe.

6 **WICQUEFORT,(Abraham de).** L'Ambassadeur et ses Fonctions par Monsieur de Wicquefort,. Derniere edition. Augmentee des Reflexions sur les Memoires pour les Ambassadeurs. De la Reonse a l'Auteur.....& des Electeurs par le mesme Auteur.
Cologne. Chez Pierre Marteau. 1715.
£330.00

2 volumes of 2. (252 x 187). pp, (iv), 551, (37); (iv), 240, (12), 325, (3). Red and black title page with vignette. Text in French. Some occasional browning to margins and minor worming at foot of first pages of vol.1 not affecting text. All edges red. Contemporary full calf with 5 raised bands and gilt decoration to compartments. Corners worn. A good set. A diplomat of Dutch birth Abraham Wicquefort (1606-1682) wrote this first major work on all aspects of diplomatic practice based on his own memoirs and experiences. First published in 1681-82, it was reissued in 1690 and then enlarged for the third edition in 1715. A large set which may be subject to additional postage.

7 **ANONYMOUS].** Grimalkin, or, the Rebel-Cat: A Novell Representing the Unwearied Attempts of the Beasts of his Faction against Sovereignty and Succession since the Death of the Lyons in the Tower. London. Printed for the Author. 1681. (First edition).

£385.00

Disbound. Folio (295 x 190). pp, (ii), 13, (1). Some splits to folds. Light browning throughout and some leaves dusty. 2 very small holes in p 3,4 and p 5,6 but text still readable and a further small hole in p 11,12. Tear to last fold. Some chips and tears to edges but still generally a good copy. Scarce but particularly scarce in commerce. "A satire on the intrigues of the Earl of Shaftesbury and the Duke of Monmouth to alter the succession." (BM cat). ESTC R30323. Wing G2026. ESTC refers to two different settings of which our copy is State A.

8 **STUART, Gilbert.** The History of the Establishment of the Reformation of Religion in Scotland. London. J.Murray. 1780. (First edition).

£220.00

(287 x 221). pp, iv, (4), 265, (3). Portrait frontispiece. Offsetting from portrait to title page. One wormhole at foot of pages not affecting text. Full speckled calf with red and gilt title label. Some light wear with front joint just starting and small loss in lower corner of upper board and lower spine. A very good copy. Stuart's account of the Scottish Reformation. A large book which may require additional postage to be quoted.

9 **LE PRINCE DE BEAUMONT, (Jeanne Marie).** Magazin des Enfans, ou Dialogues, Entre une sage Gouvernante & plusieurs de ses Eleves de la premiere distinction. Leide & La Haye. Luzac et Van Damme, Pierre Frederic Gosse. 1777.

£38.00

Vol. 1 of 4? only. (129 x 74). pp, xli, (1), 204. Text in French. Early ownership names on front endpapers with bookplate and somewhat obscured booksellers label on front pastedown. Contemporary speckled sheep, gilt decorated spine and red and gilt title label. Joints cracked and spine rubbed and worn. A reasonable copy. Scarce. Copac locates volumes 3 and 4 only at Liverpool.

10 **'UN OFFICIER DU ROI'. (Henri Bernadin de Saint-Pierre 1737-1814)** Voyage a L'Isle de France, a L'Isle de Bourbon, au Cap de Bonne-Esperance, &c. (In two parts) Neuchatel. La Societe Typographique. 1773.

£150.00

2 parts in 1 volume. (192 x 123). pp, (2), vi, 7-229, (1), 182. Four folding tables. Text in French. Faint mss name to head of front free endpaper. Bookplate of Henri Lavachery. Early sale record in pencil at head of front pastedown. Two old library stamps to title page. Half calf with rubbed and worn boards and corners. Old reback with part of original spine

laid down. Clear protective wraps. Folded mss note tucked in dated 1859? Henri Lavachery (1885-1972) was a Belgian archaeologist and in 1934 was the first professional archaeologist to vist Easter Island.

11 **(LUCHET, Marquis de. Jean Pierre Louis de La Roche du Maine)** Essai sur la Secte des Illumines. Paris. 1789.

£425.00

8vo (198 x 126). pp, xxxii, 256. Woodcut head piece to p,1. Ms name of author added to title page. Browning particularly on first few leaves. Gilt all edges. Contemporary marbled calf with gilt decorated border to both boards. Gilt decorated spine with black and gilt title label. Small loss to tips of spine, boards scuffed, edges rubbed and corners bumped. Luchet (1740-1792) was a French officer of cavalry, journalist, impresario and librarian. In his 'Essai sur la Secte des Illumines', Luchet denounces the leaders of the Bavarian Illuminati whom he accused of controlling Freemasonry, generally in Europe, and specifically in France.

12 **HEYLYN, Peter.** A Help to English History Containing a Succession of all the Kings of England, the English, Saxons, and the Britons ; London. Paul Wright. 1773.

£55.00

(199 x 127). pp, 14, (8), 560, (2). 55 plates (pl. 23 bound out of sequence) together with frontspiece and title page which are facsimiles tipped in. Ex library (Stoke Newington reference library). Label on front pastedown and usual stamps and marks. With the addenda. Some pages trimmed tightly at head. Brown and gilt library cloth with call number to spine.

13 **SANCTORUM PATRUM.** Sanctorum Patrum Opera Polemica de Veritate Religiones Christianae contra Gentiles, et Judaeos. Ad Commodiorem Usum Eita, Opera Patrum Graecorum Graece et Latine. Wirceburgi (Wurzburg). Ex Officina Libraria Staheliana. 1777.

£18.00

Volume III only (of 21?). (187 x 117). pp, (4), 439, (1). Text in Greek and Latin. Some light browning. Red all edges. Contemporary speckled calf with worm loss to upper and lower boards and most of spine.

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BARRETT, William. The History and Antiquities of the City of Bristol; Compiled from Original Records and Authentic Manuscripts, in Public Offices or Private Hands; Illustrated with Copper-Plate Prints. Bristol. Printed by William Pine. [1789]. First edition.

£275.00

(266 x 199). xix, (1), 704. Folding plan frontispiece (with very small repaired tear), 28 copper-plates, some folding and 3 facsimiles. All plates present and complete. Hinges repaired. Armorial bookplate on front pastedown with mss notes in ink and pencil. Original calf boards, with old reback and repaired corners. Original title label laid down. Complete with the Rowley facsimiles which are often missing in this History, it being thought that Barrett no longer wished to include them in his notorious work after Chatterton's deception was exposed. Provenance. Pencil note on front pastedown 'From the Collection of the Duke of Beaufort at Stoke ..... Sold by Sothebys'. Ink mss 'Stoke Library' and later partly eroded bookplate of Ernest E. Baker. A very good copy. A heavy volume which may need extra postage to be quoted.

15 **DAWSON, Thomas.** Memoirs of St.George the English Patron; and of the Most Noble Order of the Garter. Being an Introduction to an Intended History of the Antiquities of the Castle, Town and Borough of Windsor, with the Parts Adjacent, in the County of Berks. London. Printed for Henry Clements. 1714. (First edition).

£120.00

(190 x 114). pp, (xx), 336. Engraved frontspiece of King George, vignette to title page and one engraved plate. Title page in red and black. Some light browning. Endpapers replaced. Three bookplates on front pastedown and front free endpaper. Full calf with edges and corners rubbed and worn. Ruled gilt border to both boards. Rebacked with five raised bands with title and compartment decoration in gilt. An interesting association copy with the bookplates of Charles I. Ffoulkes, George Drewry Squibb and David Herbert Boothby, Chester Herald.

16 **BOYVE, J.Francois.** Remarques sur les Loix et Statuts du Pays-De-Vaud. Neuchatel. Samuel Fauche.1776.

£125.00

Two vols. in one. Large 8vo (223 x 185). pp, (ii), 293, (1), (ii), 282, (48 index). One folding plate after pp 293. Ex libris manuscript inscription dated 1784 at head of front free endpaper. Full 'cat's paw' calf, marked, wear to corners and joints. Loss at head and foot of spine. Copac locates 2 copies at BL and Cambridge. A heavy book which may require extra postage to be quoted.