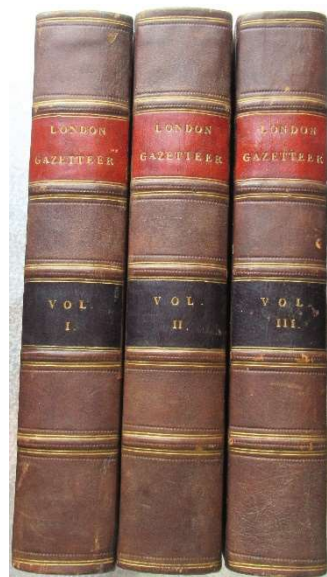


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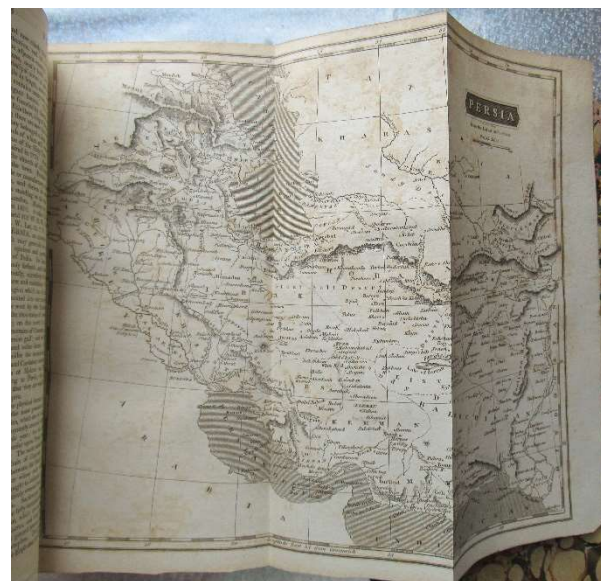
1. The London General Gazetteer, or Geographical Dictionary.

London: William Baynes and Son, 1828.

First edition. In 3 volumes, small quartos, comprising: Vol 1: 21 pages of preliminaries, then 712 pages plus 7 folding maps; Vol 2: title page, then 744 pages plus 8 folding maps; and Vol 3: title page, then 676 pages plus 8 folding maps. A total of 23 maps rather than the 26 promised on the title page, so apparently lacking 3. The books are firmly bound in mid-nineteenth century brown half-calf over marbled paper covered boards, with gilt lettered red and black leather title labels and simple gilt decoration to the spines, and speckling to all edges of the text blocks. The leather is quite rubbed, the extremities are bumped with loss to the leather at the corners and the marbled paper is rubbed, slightly marked and chipped. The

text blocks are slightly age toned, foxed to varying degrees, and marked, with some dog-eared corners and minor chips or closed tears to a few page edges, the maps are slightly more age browned. From the archives of the RSA Insurance Group with their barcode strip to the front endpaper of each volume. An uncommon late-Georgian period gazetteer, rare in commerce and under-represented in institutional holdings.

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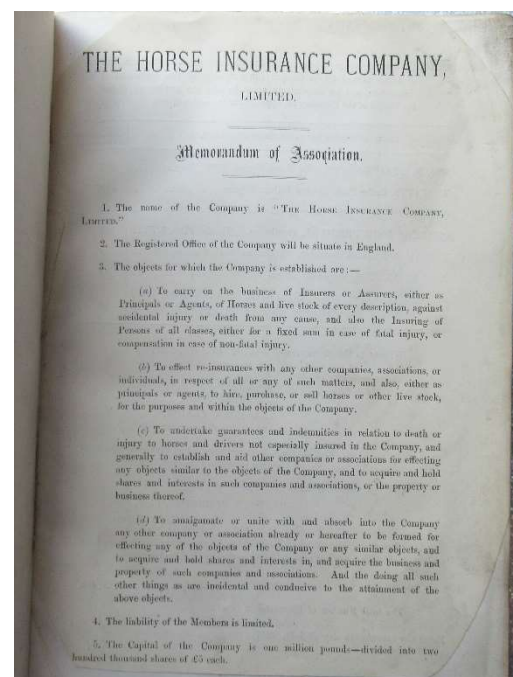
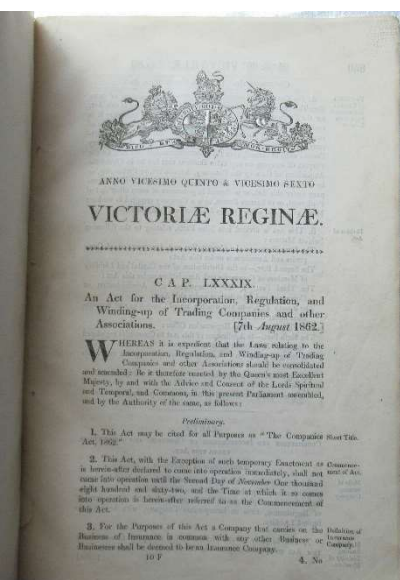
2. The Companies Act 1862 AKA An Act for the Incorporation, Regulation, and Winding up of Trading Companies and other Associations With the Amendments of 1867 and 1877.

London: George Edward Eyre and William Spottiswoode, 1867, 1875 and 1877.

Two reprints, and a first or contemporary printing of the 1877 amendment to the Act. Pages 849 to 940, pages 1505 to 1518 and 3 unnumbered pages for the final amendment respectively. Each page has been interleaved with blanks, presumably intended for notes. Bound in late-Victorian dark brown leather covered limp card wraps, tooled in blind, with marbled endpapers front and rear. The binding is reasonably firm, the leather is worn, rubbed, chipped and torn, with loss to the lower third and upper portion of the spine. The text block is quite grubby, marked and

toned, with some spots of foxing, also some dog-eared corners and short closed tears and small chips to a few page edges. Bound in at the front of the book is the 2-page Memorandum of Association of The Horse Insurance Company Limited, which was formed in 1877, one of a burgeoning group of specialist companies which formed in the Victorian period, looking to expand and profit from the growing need for accident insurance. To the front pastedown is the large label of Howard & Jones, Account Book Manufacturers. More recently from the archives of the RSA Insurance Group with their barcode strip to the top of the second blank. An important piece of British Parliamentary legislation, expensively, if not impressively, bound for practical purposes, along with a rare piece of ephemera for those interested in the early days of equine insurance.

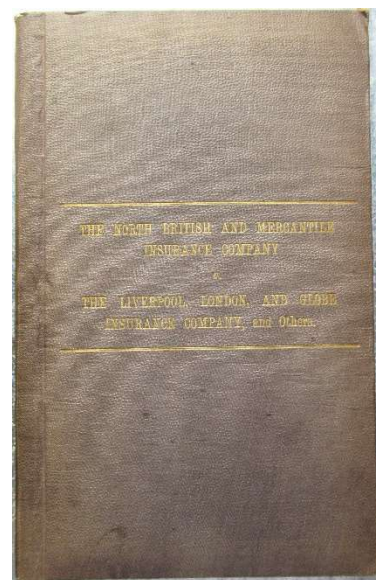
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3. **The North British and Mercantile Insurance Company v. The Liverpool, London, and Globe Insurance Company, and Others in the Court of Appeal, 1877.**

Privately printed. Comprising: title page, then 210 pages. The book is firmly bound in grey pebbled cloth covered card wraps, lettered and decorated in gilt, the cloth is quite grubby, marked, faded and rubbed, with small tears at the corners and spine ends. The text block is slightly marked and age toned, with minor damage to a few pages and one or two dog-eared corners. From the archives of the RSA Insurance Group with their barcode strip to the front pastedown. Shorthand notes from the appeal of an important legal dispute in April 1877, regarding a catastrophic fire in a wharfinger's grain store, which contained grain owned by various merchants, all of whom held fire insurance, and who should pay the resultant losses. Unsurprisingly, physical copies are rare both in commerce and institutional holdings.

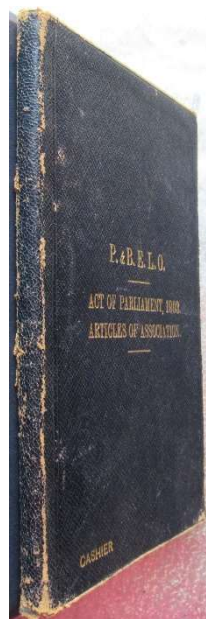
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4. **The Pelican and British Empire Life Office Act 1903. [3 Edw. 7, Ch. XIII.] Bound with the Memorandum and Articles of Association of The Pelican and British Empire Life Office.**

Two texts, privately printed. 22 and 76 pages respectively. Bound in black leather covered card, lettered and simply decorated in gilt, the leather is rubbed and the extremities are chipped. The text block, which is speckled to all edges with marbled endpapers front and rear, is slightly toned and marked, with numerous dog-eared page corners, and occasional highlighting in pencil or blue pen. Also, with an ink stamp to the verso of the front endpaper noting that it was part of the Sun Alliance Insurance Group's Phoenix Archive, and more recently from the archives of the RSA Insurance Group with their barcode strip below. A printed record detailing the merger of two major insurance companies (the Pelican Life Insurance Company and the British Empire Mutual Life Assurance Company), this the resulting new entity's own copy, which is rare in commerce, and with no readily locatable physical copy in any institutional holdings.

£200



5. **Asbestos, Philo, James Wood, Thomas Bignold et al. A Bound Collection or Sammelband of Pamphlets Regarding the Norwich Union Founder's (Thomas Bignold (1761-1835)) Ejection from the Company, Following His Mismanagement & Peculiar Behaviour Post-Napoleonic-Wars.**

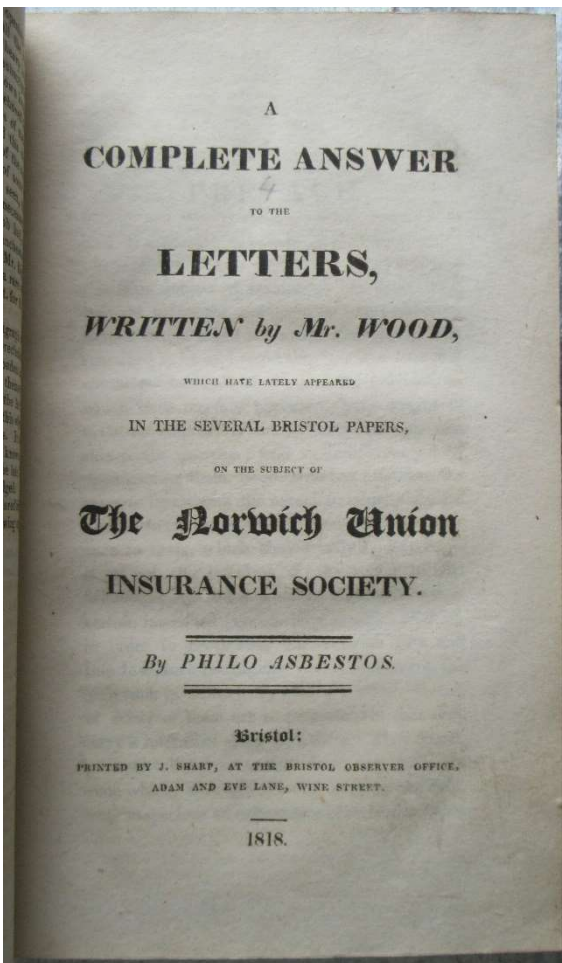
London and Bristol: J. M. Richardson, W. and S. Graves, J. Sharp, Pinnock and Maunder, & Bensley and Sons, 1818.

Consisting of 8 pamphlets, details as follows:

1. A Full Exposure of the Plan, Principle and Management of the Norwich Union Fire and Life Assurance System – J. M. Richardson, London, 1818, comprising: title, ad, then 43 pages.
2. 4-page printed letter VIII of James Wood "To the Editor of the Bristol Mirror", dated Oct. 16th 1818
3. Report of the Proceedings of the Committee At the George and Vulture Tavern Appointed to Investigate The State of the Funds, and Unsettled Claims Against the Norwich Union Fire and Life Association – W. and S. Graves, London, 1818. 16 pages
4. Asbestos, Philo - A Complete Answer to the Letters, Written by Mr. Wood, Which Have Lately Appeared in the several Bristol Papers on the Subject of The Norwich Union Insurance Society. J. Sharp, Bristol, 1818. 42 pages.



5. Bignold, Thomas – An Exposure of the Unjustifiable Proceedings and Unworthy Motives of Mr. Thorpe and Others, Holding the Late Meetings at the George and Vulture Tavern : Refuting the Fabricated Reports which they have Lately Issued, Pinnock and Maunder, London, 1818. 43 pages.
6. Bignold, Thomas – An Elucidation of the System and Principles of Fire and Life Insurance: Shewing The Superior Advantage of Uniting Upon the Plan of The Norwich and National Union, or Mutual Guarantee; and Refuting the Charges Lately Preferred Against that Institution. Pinnock and Maunder, London, 1818. 65 pages.



7. Norwich Union Fire and Life Insurance. The Report of the London Committee Appointed to Investigate the Late Charges Made Against The Norwich Union Fire and Life Office. Bensley and Sons, London, 1818. 144 pages.
8. Norwich Union Society Deed Poll. W. and S. graves, London, 1818. 38 pages.

Also pasted to the rear blank is a folded cutting regarding subsequent developments, dated 1822. The pamphlets are bound in contemporary quarter-calf over marbled paper covered boards, with speckling to all edges of the text block, the stitching remains sound and the block generally tight, however the spine strip has been lost, the front board is clinging on by the cords and the rear board has detached, somebody has helpfully written "Norwich Union" on the exposed spine lining. The text block is age toned to varying degrees depending upon the quality of the paper stock, with minor marks and spots of foxing, also occasional ink or pencil annotations in the margin.

Originally the property of the Phoenix Fire Office, with their ink ownership inscription dated 1819 to the front pastedown, and more recently from the archives of the RSA Insurance Group with their barcode strip to the front pastedown, and a pencil reference code to the front endpaper.

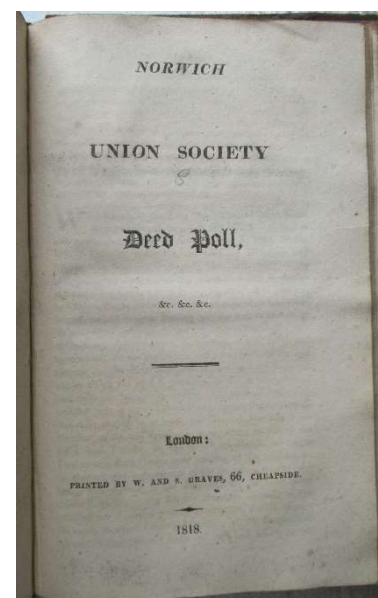
A collection of pamphlets compiled by one of the major established London Insurance companies with which the Norwich Union had been established to compete. Thomas Bignold founded the Norwich Union in

1797, on terms favourable to himself, and expanded the business rapidly nationwide, taking on new classes of risks, and being willing to insure risks that others would not. All went well until the huge economic depression following the end of the Napoleonic Wars in 1815, when Bignold began to run into debts, refused to pay legitimate claims, and became increasingly violent and erratic in his behaviour under the strain of trying to keep the company afloat. Eventually leading a group of policy-holders to organise a combined attack, resulting in the company directors' 1818 attempt to unseat Bignold, including a betrayal by his sons who sided against him, though the attempted coup became mired in legal difficulties. The pamphlets trace the whole of this drama, with venomous attacks and defence on both sides, as well as detail and data supporting each position.

All of the pamphlets are unsurprisingly rare in commerce, and regarding institutional holdings: nos. 5, 6, and 7 are reasonably well represented worldwide; there is one obviously locatable example of no. 1 worldwide; while nos. 2, 3, 4 and 8 are decidedly rare, with no obviously locatable examples.

With an excellent association, the Phoenix Fire Office featured quite heavily in proceedings, and were delighted to seize on the discomfort of their upstart provincial rival as an opportunity to reclaim lost business. The collection provides remarkable, not to mention surprisingly entertaining, insight into an important period of expansion and consolidation in British fire and life insurance during the early decades of the industrial revolution, when competition to win the resultant new business and insure the novel risks, particularly in the provinces, became fierce.

£1,750



6. Baily, Francis. *The Doctrine of Interest and Annuities Analytically Investigated and Explained.*

London: John Richardson, 1808.

First edition. 15 pages of preliminaries, 144 pages, an engraved plate of charts, then unnumbered tables in folio format, running from A to Q2. The book is fairly firmly bound in mid or late-Victorian black half-calf over marbled paper covered boards, with marbled endpapers front and rear and speckling to all edges of the text block. It has suffered water damage to the lower quarter, the boards are slightly bowed and stained, the leather is rubbed and beginning to split, and the paper is slightly marked, rubbed and chipped. The text block is slightly foxed, marked and age toned, with signs of water staining throughout, increasing to the lower edges of the pages towards the rear. There are occasional passages highlighted in pencil, and a small bookbinder's label to the rear pastedown, that of C. & E. Layton. More recently it has resided in the archives of the RSA Insurance Group with their barcode strip to the top of the first blank.

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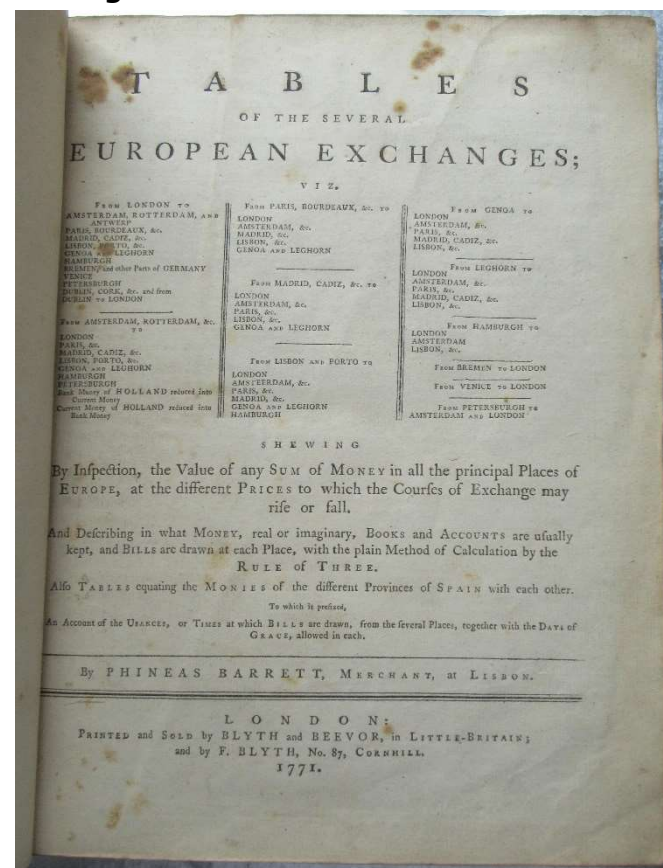
7. Barrett, Phineas. *Tables of the Several European Exchanges.*

London: Blyth and Beevor and F. Blyth, 1771.

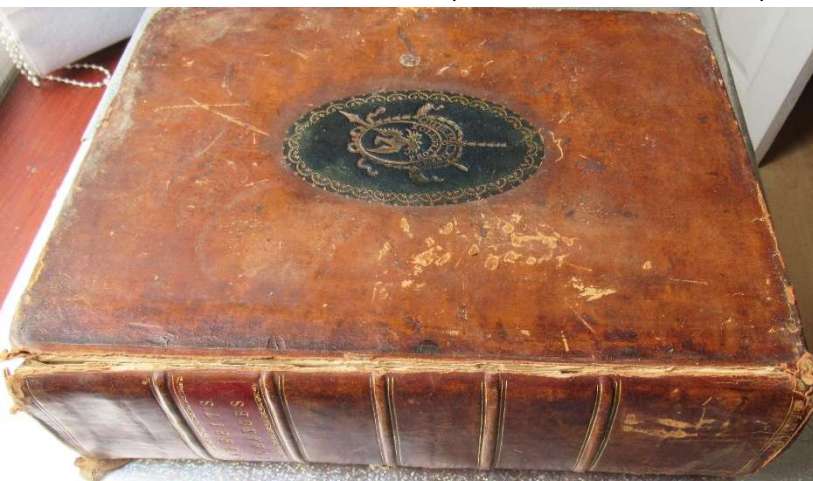
First edition. Folio. Comprising: Royal patent dated 26th March 1771 granting Barrett sole printing rights for 14 years, 16 pages of preliminaries, then 1044 pages plus 6 additional pages between Q2 & R1, 4 additional pages between Z1 & AA, an errata slip between 5I & 5I2 and an N.B. slip between 6S & 6S2. Presumed slightly later though still early issue given the additions and corrections, but with the title page dated 1771.

With good provenance, originally the property of the Phoenix Fire Office, with their ink ownership inscription dated 1787 to the front pastedown, and more recently from the archives of the RSA Insurance Group with their barcode strip to the front endpaper.

The book is bound in full calf, with raised bands to the spine, a red Morocco title label lettered and decorated in gilt, and to the centre of the front board the large lozenge shaped distinctive ownership mark of the Phoenix Fire Office in gilt on contrasting black leather, the boards are both completely detached, they are certainly original late-18th century, the spine strip probably slightly later, as there are signs that it has been re-backed at least once, the boards are rubbed, bumped,

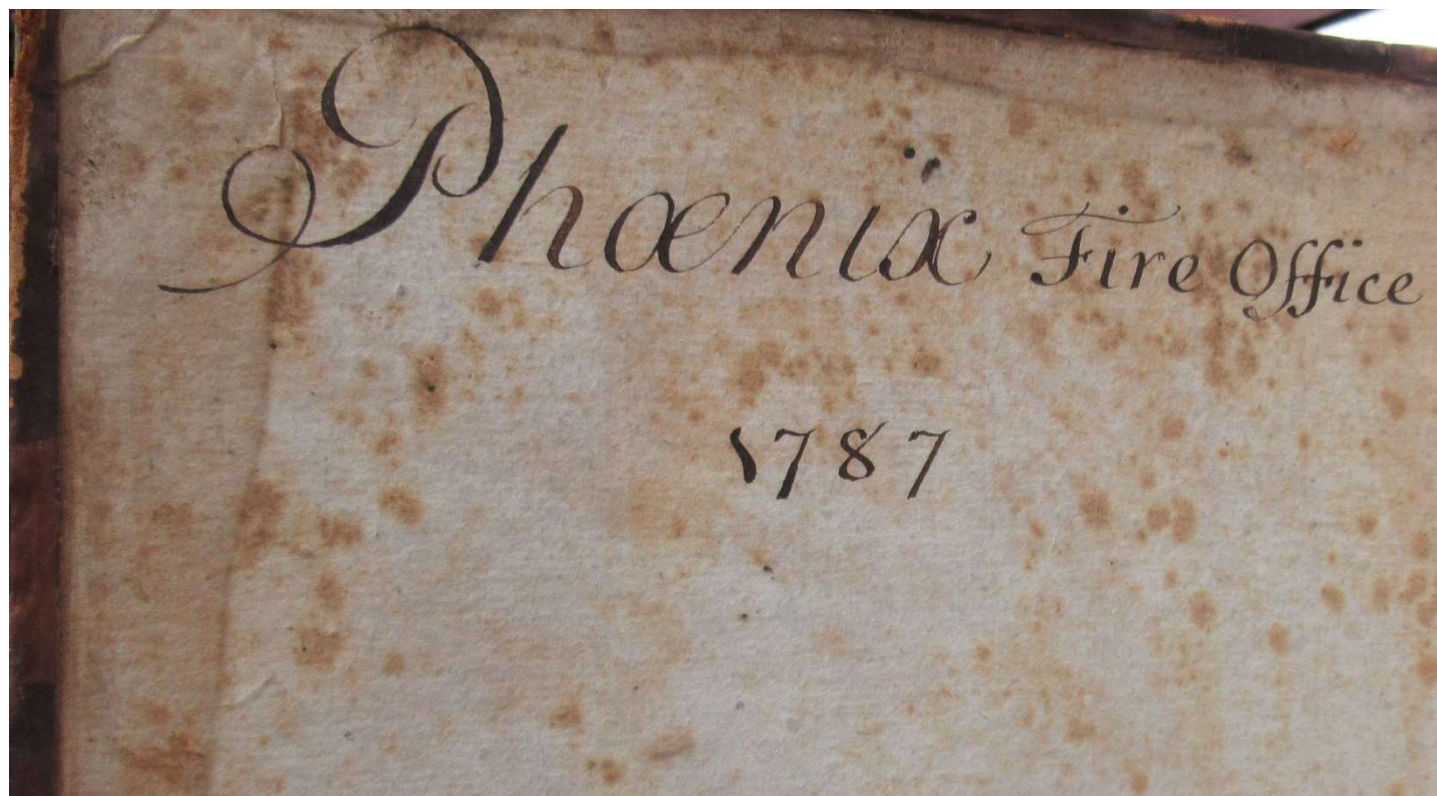


marked and gouged, with the boards showing at the corners, the spine strip remains attached but it is chipped and rubbed. The text block is quite heavily age toned, marked and foxed, with some water staining to the lower front corner extending through most of the block, there are small chips and closed tears to the edges of quite a few pages, closed tears to the inner edge of the last half-dozen or so and the lower corner of 6G2 has been torn off without loss of text, there are a few ink splashes and a couple of manuscript corrections or additions in the margins.



A substantial and impressive monument to commercial progress, emphasising the international nature of trade in the period, and the range of the Phoenix Fire Office's ambitions, allowing rapid calculations of currency exchange. It is unsurprisingly rare in commerce and there are only 6 readily locatable physical copies in institutional holdings. This example not at present easily handleable with the broken binding, but the text block remains firm and it could certainly be restored.

£1,500

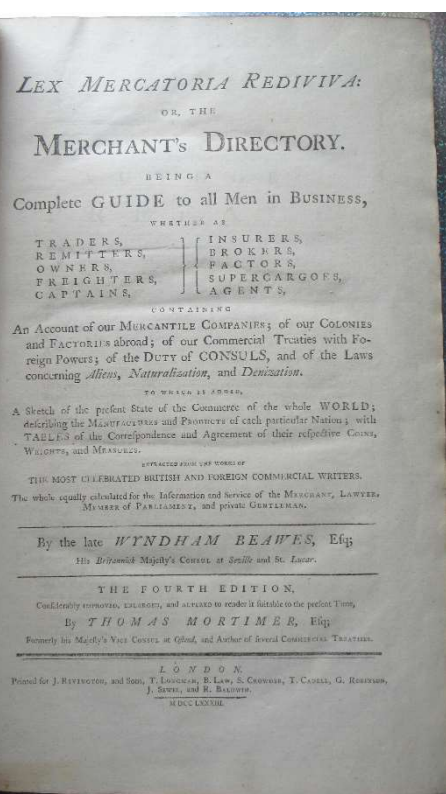


8. Beawes, Wyndham. Lex Mercatoria Rediviva: Or, The Merchant's Directory.

London: J. Rivington, and Sons et al, 1783.

Fourth edition. Folio. 12 pages of preliminaries, then 944 pages, folding table of world currencies, and a 16-page unnumbered Index. The book is firmly bound in full calf, re-backed at some point, probably in the twentieth century, retaining the original boards, pastedowns and endpapers, with gilt decoration and red and black title labels to the spine, and to the centre of the front board the large lozenge shaped distinctive ownership mark of the Phoenix Fire Office in gilt on contrasting black leather, the spine is slightly rubbed, and marked, the leather to the boards is rubbed, scuffed, marked and chipped, and the corners of the boards are bumped. The text block, with all edges stained yellow, is slightly foxed, marked and age toned to varying degrees depending upon the quality of the paper, there are a few chips and closed tears to page edges, without loss of text, and some dog-eared page corners. The folding table to the rear has a couple of closed tears to the edges but is generally in good order. Originally the property of the Phoenix Fire Office, with their ink ownership inscription dated 1788 to the front pastedown, and more recently from the archives of the RSA Insurance Group with their barcode strip to the front endpaper. A substantial guide to all matters relating to marine law, trade, the major ports of the world and local customs, including sections on shipwrecks, salvage and piracy. This, a working copy, with excellent provenance, originally the property of one of Britain's major insurance companies during its fledgling years, which was established by London sugar bakers in 1782.

£580



9. **Benton, Sophia Benton (1855-1944) et al. A Sammelband or Bound Collection of Pamphlets and Printed Agreements Relating to Life Insurance and Teacher Pension Schemes in the Victorian Period, Including The Imperial Life Insurance Company's Act, 1892.**

London: Thos. Poulter and Sons, Limited, Printers; Waterlow and Sons Limited, Printers; and McCorquodale & Co., Limited, 1892 to 1899.

Four related pamphlets and documents, prepared and bound for the Private use of the Imperial Life Office. Details as follows:

1. The Imperial Life Insurance Company. The Imperial Life Insurance Company's Act, 1892, and The Laws and Regulations of the Company, Dated 20th October, 1892. Thos. Poulter and Sons, Limited, Printers, London. 67 pages, then 6 pages of Extracts of minutes, and a further 10 blanks, bound in printed stiff grey card wraps. There are a few corrections and additions in red ink, and a pasted in printed Resolution to the first blank.
2. The Imperial Life Insurance Co. and the Reverend C. G. Gull M. A., and Others. Agreement. 1893. 28 pages, then a 3-page updated Agreement from 1894, and a further 11-page updated Agreement dated 1899. All bound in printed grey paper wraps. The agreements establishing and revising a teachers' pension fund, set up by The Head Masters' Association.
3. The Imperial Life Insurance Co. and Mary Sophia Benton and Others. Agreement. 1896. 28 pages. The agreements establishing a teachers'

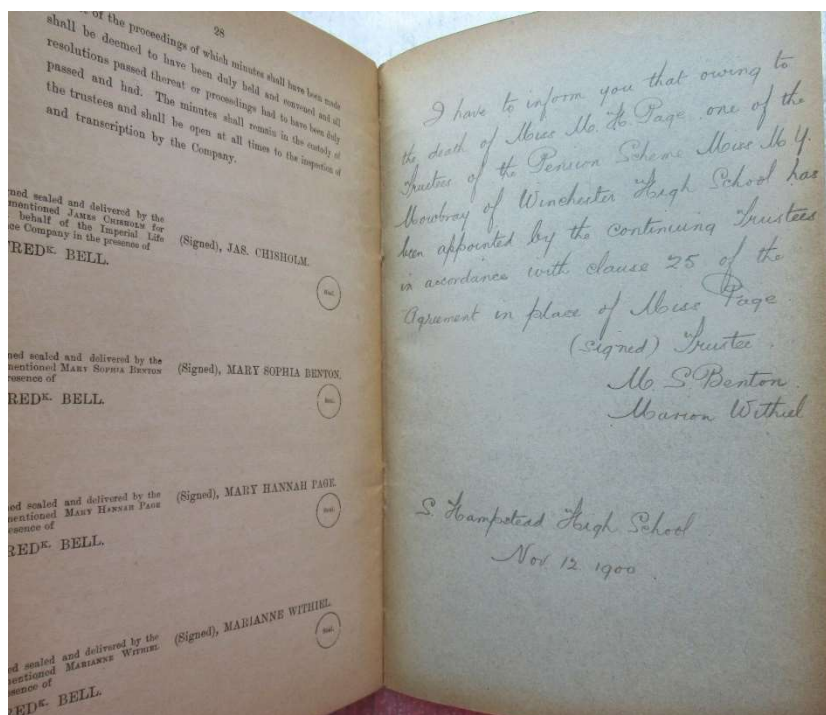
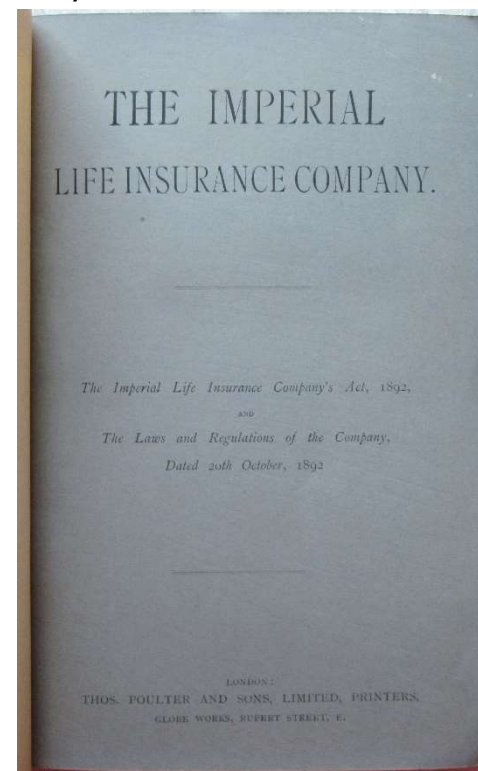
pension fund, set up by The Head Mistresses' Association expressly for the support of Schoolmistresses or female teachers. Bound in printed grey paper wraps, with a later manuscript addition (assumed to be a clerical copy of an original letter) from Mary Sophia Benton of South Hampstead High School, dated 1900, informing The Imperial Life Co. of the death of a trustee and the appointment of a replacement.

4. The Imperial Life Insurance Co. and The Girls' Public Day School Company, Limited. Agreement. 1899. 22 pages. Bound in printed grey paper wraps. Establishing a Teacher's Provident Fund.

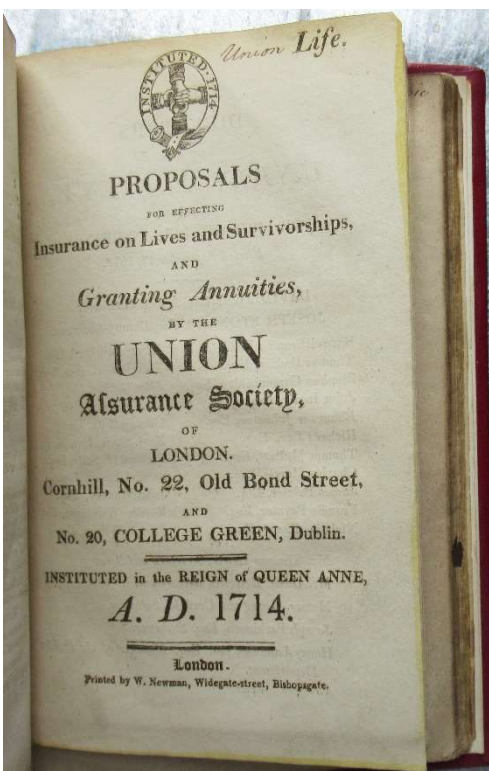
Bound in printed brown paper covered boards, with a black cloth spine strip. The binding is firm, the covers are rubbed and marked, and the extremities are bumped and chipped, to the rear board there are some pencil notes. The text block is slightly marked and age toned to varying degrees, depending upon the paper quality. Bound up in June 1900 according to the front cover. From the archives of the RSA Insurance Group with their barcode strip to the front endpaper. A very rare collection, with no obviously locatable copies of nos. 3, or 4 in institutional holdings and only a possible phantom record of no. 2, giving detailed insight into teachers'

pension schemes in the period prior to the introduction of national Government schemes in Britain. Perhaps of particular interest for the scheme organised by Mary Sophia Benton (1855-1944) AKA The Brigadier-General, a renowned or notorious cross-dresser, a significant campaigner for women's suffrage, and a pioneer of women's education, who insisted upon a rounded and varied syllabus with a scientific emphasis.

£600



10. **Bignold, Thomas et al. A Sammelband, or, Bound Collection of Napoleonic and Post-Napoleonic Era Life Insurance Pamphlets, Prospectuses and Rate Tables 1806 to 1824.**



London: J. Whiting, Philanthropic Society, W. Newman et al, 1806 to 1824.

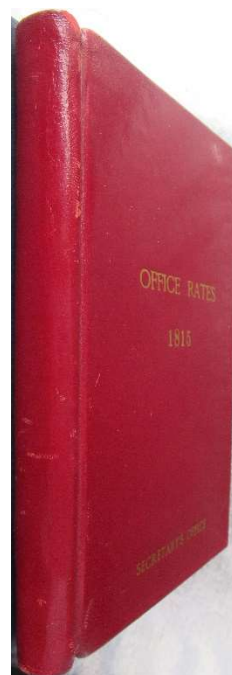
Consisting of roughly 13 discrete pamphlets or groups of items, details as follows:

1. Pelican Offices, Lombard-Street, and Spring-Gardens, London, For Insurance on Lives, Granting Annuities, Endowment of Children. – Philanthropic Society, London, 1814. 4 pages.
2. Rates of The Alliance British and Foreign Life & Fire Assurance Company, 4, New Court, St. Swithin's Lane. Capital Five Millions Sterling. Instituted 1824. – J. Whiting, London, 1824. 8 pages.
3. A section lead by a manuscript title page: "Office Rates for Insurances Annuities & Endowments 1815", the hand looking contemporary with the date, followed by two folding Government Annuities tables, then a third for 1817.
4. Pages 5 to 14 of a Pelican prospectus for 1806, the tables only, with ink manuscript additions of the period.
5. A List of The Trustees and Directors of The Pelican Life-Office. Undated but circa 1815, with 9 names crossed out, and 6 names added by hand in ink below. 1 page
6. A Short Account of the Society for Equitable Assurances on Lives and Survivorships – J. Bryan, London, 1814. 20 pages, plus a pasted in rates table for 1810 with manuscript additions.
7. Rates and Proposals of The Globe Insurance Company – T. Bensley, Printer, London. Undated but circa 1815. 13 pages.
8. A Short Account of The Provident Life Office – Cadell and Davies, London, 1813. Ninth edition. 32 pages, lacking pages 23-26.
9. The Principles of Life Assurance Explained: Together With New Plans of Assurance and Annuities Adapted to the Prudent of All Classes, Civil and Military, by The Rock Life Assurance Company. – J. Lambert, London, 1809. 47 pages.
10. Proposals For Effecting Insurance on Lives and Survivorships, and Granting Annuities, By The Union Assurance Society, of London. – W. Newman, circa 1814. 10 pages.
11. A List of the Members of The Corporation of The Amicable Society for A Perpetual Assurance Office; (On Lives). – W. Phillips, London 1813. 50 pages.
12. Philanthropic Annuity Institution, 109, Pall Mall, London. – J. H. Harris, London, 1812. 22 pages.
13. Union Office, For Insurance on Lives, Granting and Purchasing Annuities, Reversions, &c. And Endowment of Children. – Bacon, Kinnebrook, and Co, Norwich, 1815. 24 pages.

Bound in mid-twentieth century full red leather, lettered in gilt, the leather is slightly marked and quite rubbed with some bumping to the corners. The pamphlets are quite browned, foxed and marked, the earlier and later ones are more fragile, particularly no. 13, which is a bit brittle around the edges, and there are some historic repairs.

With good provenance, from the Phoenix Archive of the Sun Alliance Insurance Group, stamped as such to the front endpaper, and more recently from the archives of the RSA Insurance Group with their barcode strip below, there is also an ink note to the front endpaper indicating that the book was rebound in September 1971.

An interesting collection spanning a period of expansion in companies forming to offer Life Assurance to a widening proportion of the British public, just prior to a significant contraction during the huge economic depression following the end of the Napoleonic Wars in 1815, when many of the less well capitalised or more recklessly operated companies ran into debt and collapsed. Evidently working copies from the period, presumably belonging to the Pelican Life Office, which was established by the Phoenix Assurance Company in 1797, that were bound together for ease of reference to keep track on the



activities of rival companies. With numerous manuscript additions and corrections, and each pamphlet with a contemporary note of the insurance office in question to at least the top-right hand corner of many pages so that the desired information could be easily located.

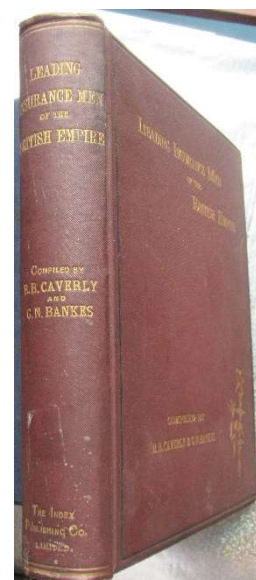
The majority of the items are unsurprisingly rare, and there are no readily locatable examples of nos. 2, 8, 10 and 11 in institutional holdings.

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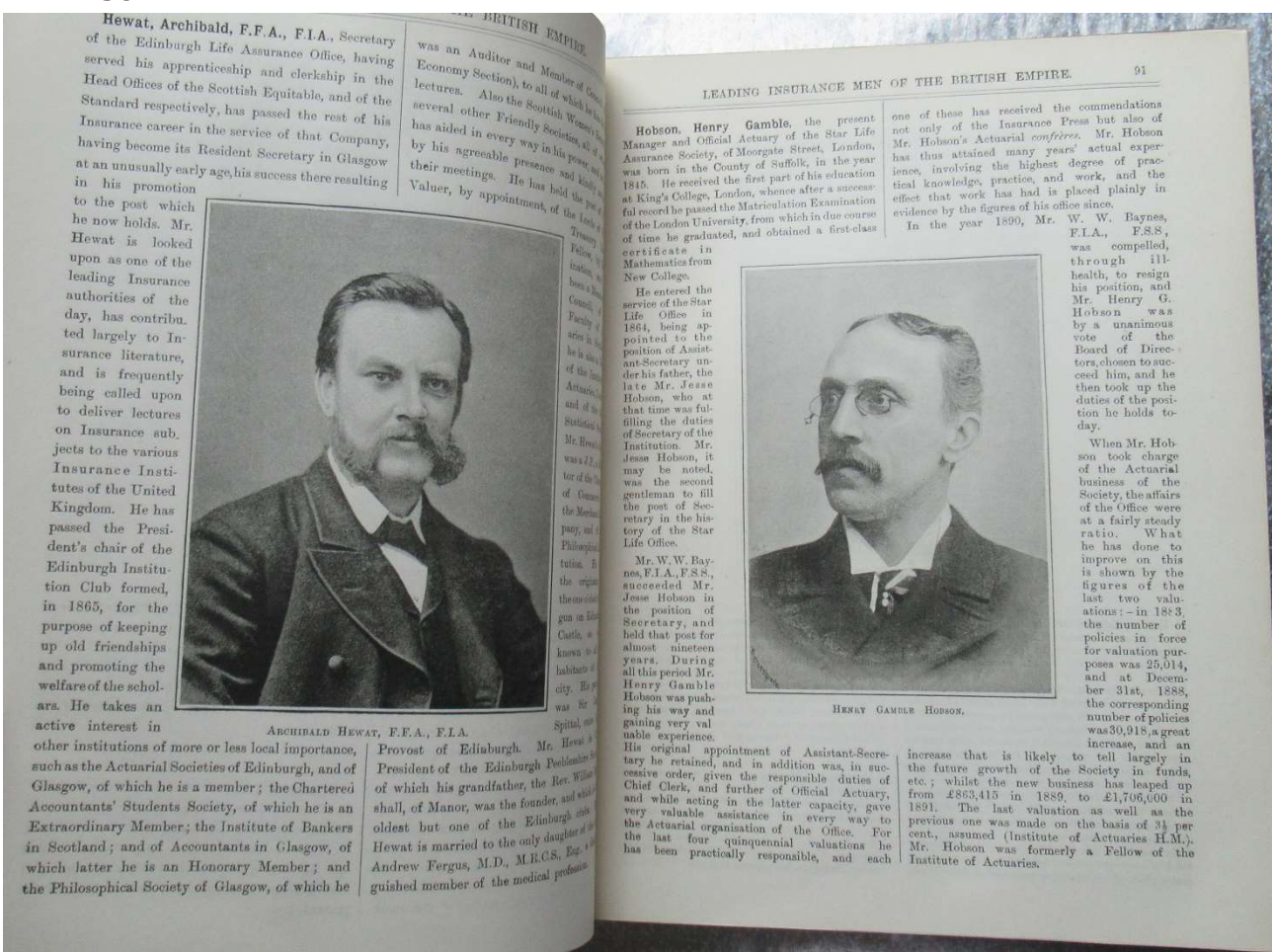
11. **Caverly, R. B. and G. N Bankes. Leading Insurance Men of The British Empire AKA The Late Victorian Beard, Moustache & Assorted Facial Hair Photobook.**

London: The Index Publishing Company, Limited, 1892.

First edition. 12 pages of ads, a blank, then 585 pages, including 20 of ads to the rear plus a further page of ads to the front of the book, all for insurance and assurance companies. The book is quite firmly bound in dark brown cloth covered boards with bevelled edges, lettered and decorated in gilt, black and blind, the cloth is slightly marked and rubbed, and the extremities are bumped. The text block, with gilt to all edges, is slightly age toned, marked and foxed, the yellow endpapers are present front and rear, these are slightly grubby. With good provenance, from the Phoenix Archive of the Sun Alliance Insurance Group, stamped as such to the front pastedown, and more recently from the archives of the RSA Insurance Group with their barcode strip to the front endpaper. A self-explanatory book, containing, in broadly alphabetical order, short biographies of each chosen man, every one with a black and white photograph. There are 2 or 3 men per page, with a few meriting a page to themselves, so not far short of 1000 men in total. Of these only 21 men are entirely clean shaven, demonstrating that although you could succeed in Insurance without at least some powerful facial hair, you were nearly 98% more likely to do so if well-endowed in that department. Rare in commerce and not especially common in institutional holdings.



£250



12. **Christie, Robert et al. A Bound Collection, or Sammelband of Mid-Nineteenth Century Pamphlets Regarding Life Assurance and Insurance, Its Provision, and Controversies.**

London and Edinburgh: W. S. D. Pateman, Thomas Constable and Co., John Crockford et al, 1852 and 1853.

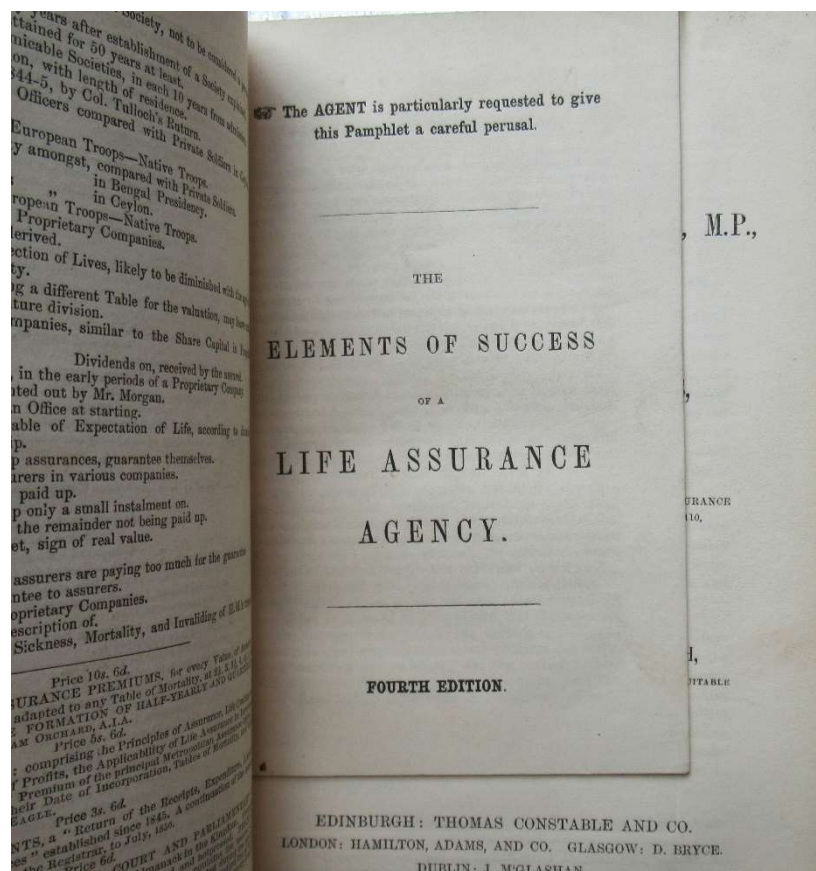
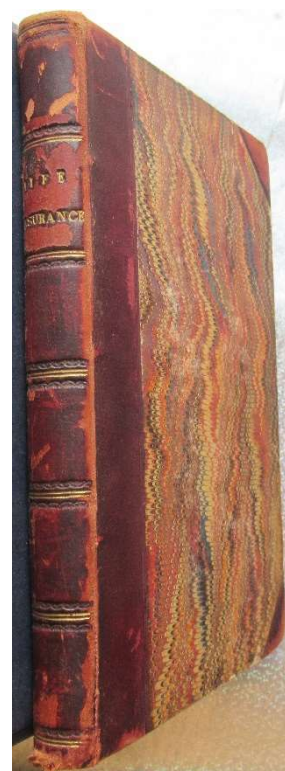
Consisting of 10 pamphlets, details as follows:

1. Life Assurance: Its Schemes Its Difficulties and Its Abuses. – W. S. D. Pateman, London, 1852. 29 pages + 3 of ads.
2. The Elements of Success of a Life Assurance Agency. Fourth edition, 16 pages.
3. Christie, Robert – Letter To The Right Hon. Joseph W. Henley, M.P., President of the Board of Trade, Regarding Life Assurance Institutions. – Thomas Constable and Co., Edinburgh, 1852. 47 pages.
4. Neison, Francis G. P. - Mr. Christie and The Law Property Assurance Society. – John Crockford, London, 1852. 8 pages.
5. No. 1. Hints to the Agents and Friends of Assurance Offices, By The Spirits of Robert Christie, Esq., F.I.A.!! Manager of The Scottish Equitable Assurance Company, and William Newmarch, Esq., Secretary to the Globe Insurance Office. – G. E. Petter, London 1852. 12 pages.
6. Strousberg, B. H. - Conspiracy Detected; In A Letter to the Right Hon. Joseph W. Henley, Esq., M.P., President of the Board of Trade. G. E. Petter, London 1852. Second edition. 29 pages.

7. Templar, A. – Indisputably Disputed: A Review of The Professions and Practices of Certain Modern Life Offices – Effingham Wilson, London, 1852. 76 pages.
8. Thomson, William Thos. F.R.S.E. – On The Present Position of The Life Assurance Interests of Great Britain. – William Blackwood and Sons, Edinburgh and London, 1852. 16 pages.
9. Beaumont, J. A. – A Few Lines to The Managers of The Life Insurance Societies of The United Kingdom, Suggesting A Remedy For The Doubts and Difficulties Attendant Upon The Business of Life Insurance – C. Rosworth and Sons, London, 1852. 14 pages.
10. Hartnoll, J. Hooper – A Letter to the Right Hon. E. Cardwell, M. P., President of the Board of Trade, on the Inoperative Character of the Joint Stock Companies' Registration Act. As A Means of Preventing the Formation of Bubble Assurance Companies. – W. S. D. Pateman, London, 1853. Second edition. 56 pages.

The book is bound in contemporary Victorian reddish brown half-calf, over marbled paper covered boards, simply lettered and decorated in gilt to the spine, with yellow endpapers front and rear, and speckling to all edges of the text block. The text block itself is firm, the outer binding is heavily worn, the hinges are fragile and beginning to split, the leather is worn, rubbed and chipped, as is the marbled paper. The text block is lightly marked, with occasional annotations and underlining, the pamphlets are age toned to varying degrees depending upon the quality of the paper.

With excellent provenance, originally the property of Francis Boyer Relton, who joined the Sun Insurance Office in 1835 as a boy, and remained there for 47 years, rising to the position of Office Secretary, and receiving the honour of being satirised in the novels of Eden Philpotts, with his ink ownership inscription to the front endpaper and to the title page of no. 8. Also, with the later Sun Fire Office Library stamp to the front endpaper, and more recently from the archives of the RSA Insurance Group with their barcode strip to the front pastedown. Relton became a historian of Insurance in retirement, and presumably donated his books to the library of his former company.



A collection of pamphlets from an important period of development in the history of British life assurance, showing the conflict between the old established companies, and the proliferation of newer, undercapitalised companies, which were prone to run into debt and collapse, thus damaging the confidence in the potentially lucrative market they were attempting to enter. Leading gradually to Government legislation, and an increasing attempt to standardise and manage the risks within the insurance companies.

The majority of pamphlets are rare in commerce, there are no readily locatable examples of nos. 2 and 7 in institutional holdings, and several of the others are limited to only 1 or 2 recorded surviving copies.

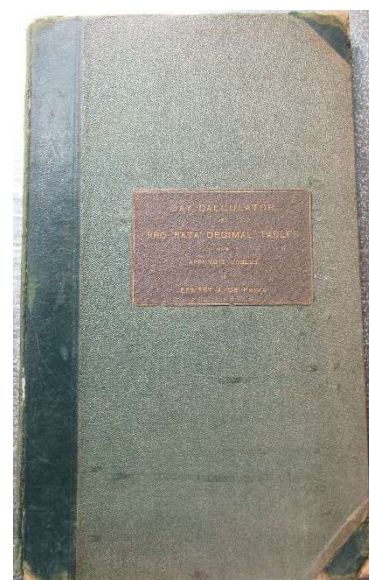
No. 2 is of particular interest, it is anonymously published, and illustrative of the worst practices of the period, which lead to many of the newer, smaller companies being accused of being Bubble Companies, the equivalent of modern Ponzi schemes. The first and most important directive given to agents of the Company is that they must first insure their own lives, on the convenient pretext that they could then canvass prospective new business door-to-door and proudly show people that they believed in the product they were selling, the individual agents often being ultimately as much victims of the inevitable collapses as their would-be customers.

£650

13. **De Paiva, Ernest A. Day Calculator and Pro Rata Decimal Tables.**

London: Waterlow and Sons Limited., 1887.

Presumed first edition. In English and French. Roughly 23.5 by 39cm. Undated, circa 1887. 4 pages of preliminaries, 61 pages of the Day Calculator, 31 pages of Decimal tables, interspersed with smaller sheets of slightly different tables also 31 pages, then a Sterling Table and a Rupee Table. The book is bound in late Victorian green half leather, over green pebbled cloth covered boards, with a greenish brown title label to the centre of the upper board, lettered and bordered in gilt, the leather is very rubbed and chipped, the hinges are splitting and the extremities are bumped, the cloth is quite marked and rubbed. The text block is quite toned and grubby, with spots of foxing, the corners of the pages are chipped, creased and curled where they overhang the tabbed sections, and the tabs are also curling to the edges. To the front endpaper is the ink ownership inscription of a G. L. Dixon of the "Foreign Fire" department, presumably of The Sun Fire Office, or the Phoenix, and more recently from the archives of the RSA Insurance Group with their barcode strip to the front endpaper. An ingenious late-Victorian clerk's desk calculator. Rare in commerce and institutional holdings, presumably because most were slung in skips when they became obsolete.



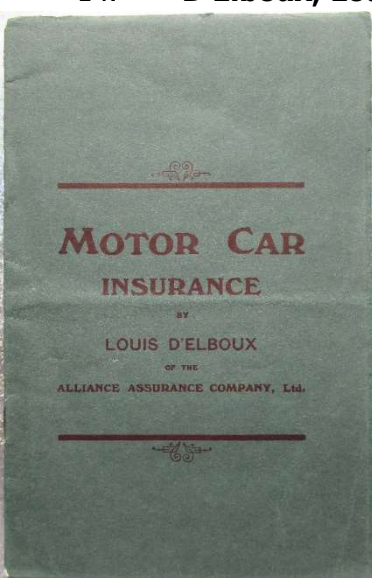
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14. **D'Elboux, Louis. Motor Car Insurance.**

Alliance Assurance Company, Ltd., 1910.

First edition. Staple-bound 16-page pamphlet. Undated, but circa 1910 based upon dates mentioned. Bound in dark green paper wraps, lettered and decorated in black, which are somewhat rubbed and creased, with some small chips. The text block is slightly marked and age toned, with a crease mark down the middle of the pages suggesting that the whole pamphlet was at one time folded in two. An early treatise on car insurance, stating "The present position" and referencing developments between 1907 and 1909, including improvements in car safety but also the dangers of increasing power and speed, and contemplating the need for insurance for Chauffeurs wages, this still being the period when the motor car was the exclusive preserve of the very wealthy. A rare item of early motoring ephemera, with no obviously locatable copies in institutional holdings.

£350



15. **Dodson, James. The Anti-Logarithmic Canon. Being A Table of Numbers, Consisting of Eleven Places of Figures, Corresponding to All Logarithms Under 100000.**

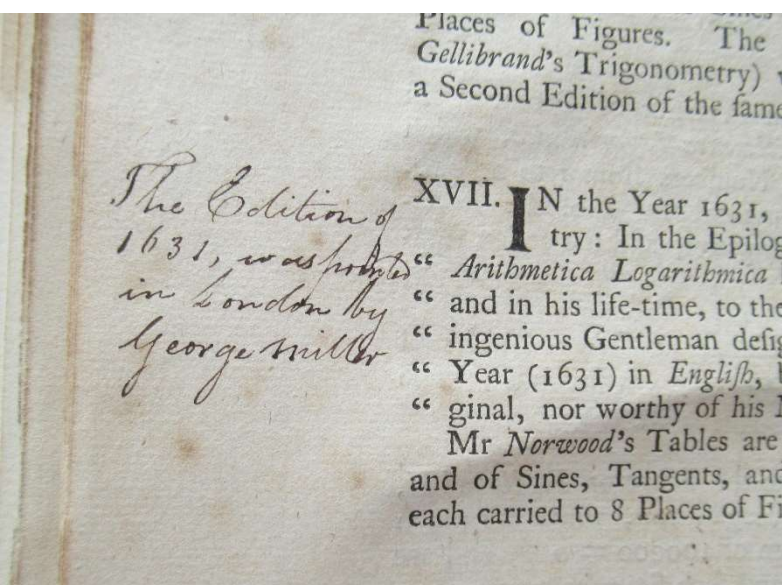
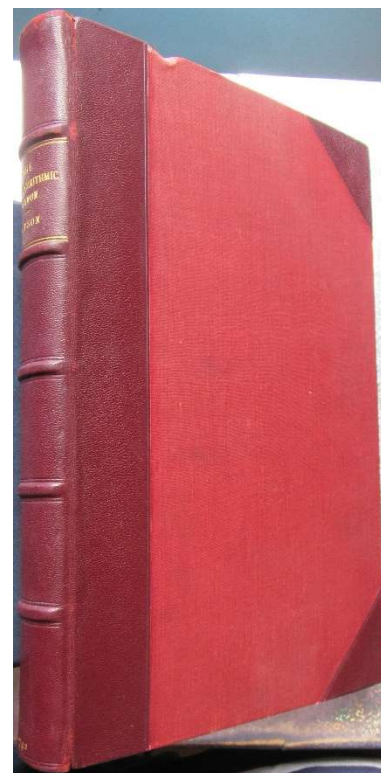
London: James Dodson and John Wilcox, 1742.

First edition. Folio. Comprising: title page, Dedication, 10-page Introduction, 84 pages, then the Anti-Logarithmic Canon and Appendix, unnumbered, running from A to finish with page HHHH.

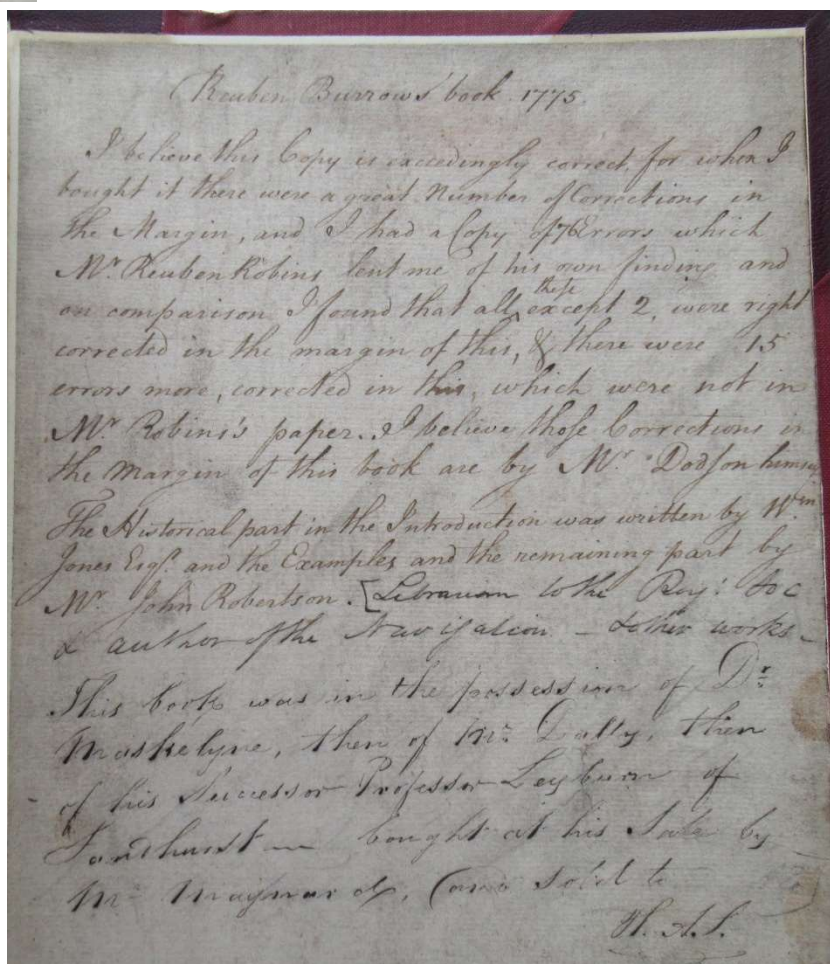
The book is firmly bound in probably early to mid-twentieth century dark red half-Morocco, over dark red cloth covered boards, lettered in gilt and with raised bands to the spine, the leather is rubbed and the hinges are becoming fragile, the cloth is slightly marked and rubbed and there has been a knock to the top edge denting both front and rear boards. The text block is speckled red to all edges, it is age toned and slightly foxed to varying degrees depending upon the paper stock, there are short

closed tears to the fore-edges of D2 and FFFF in the Anti-Logarithmic Canon, also staining to some pages and other minor damage to page edges. There are occasional small ink manuscript corrections throughout, and somewhat oddly between pages EEEE2 and FFFF there is an 1852 ad for a sewing machine tipped or bound in.

With an excellent chain of provenance, most recently from the archives of the RSA Insurance Group with their barcode strip to the front endpaper. Previously owned by Henry Ambrose Smith, a notable actuary and philosopher mathematician, who co-authored a

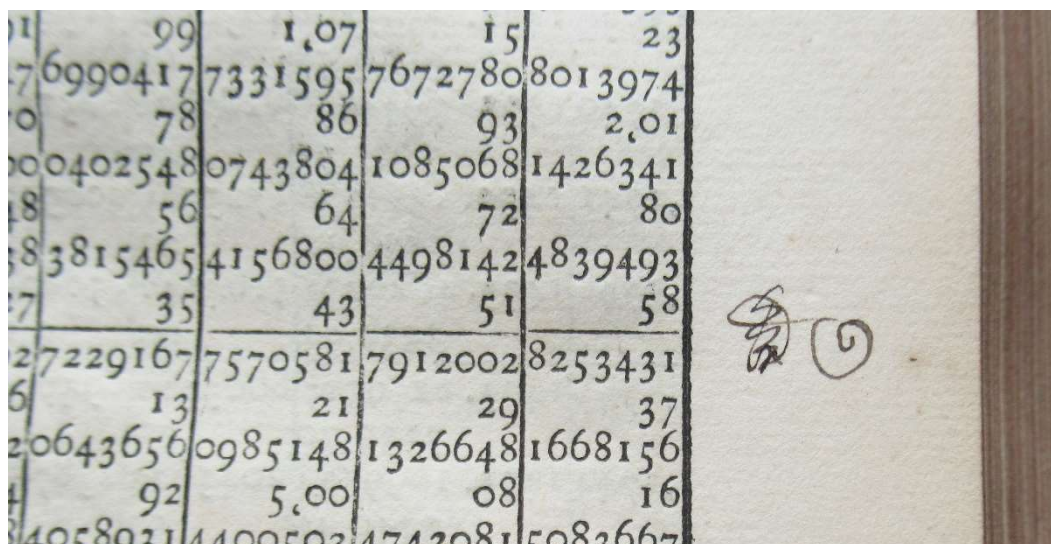


book of Assurance and Annuity Tables and lived in Aberdeen, with his ink ownership inscription dated 1842 to the first blank and the title page, additionally with a tipped or bound in note from him to the rear. To the rear pastedown is pasted a page from the original binding, with the earlier ownership note and inscription by the notoriously (according to his more Genteel colleagues) rude, vulgar, hard-drinking and pugilistic 18th century working class mathematician, surveyor and orientalist, Reuben Burrow (1747-1792) dated 1775, who has briefly annotated page IV of the Introduction, and also added a critical note in ink to the lower margin of page VI of the same, informing us that the Introduction was authored by William Jones Esq. and the later examples by Mr. John Robertson. The Jones noted presumably being William Jones (1675-1749), another notable mathematician and friend of Sir Isaac Newton, which is plausible enough, and plausibly on good authority, as Burrow was friends with the son of Jones, another William Jones (1746-1794), founder of the Asiatic Society, of which Burrow was a member. Below this, Henry Ambrose Smith



continues the narrative, noting that after Burrows the book was owned by Nevil Maskelyne (1732-1811), the fifth Astronomer Royal and first person to scientifically measure the mass of the Earth, to whom Burrow was at one time assistant, tracing the provenance from Maskelyne to his own acquisition.

Burrow also discusses the corrections, which were present when he obtained the book, compares them with another copy owned by Mr Reuben Robins, and asserts that he is confident from their accuracy that they can only be authorial and in the hand of James Dodson (died. 1757) himself, which would be the cherry on an already rich provenance cake. The corrections are confined almost entirely to numbers aside from a single word to page HHH2, however, comparison with papers in Dodson's hand held by the Royal Society suggest that Burrow's judgement was correct.

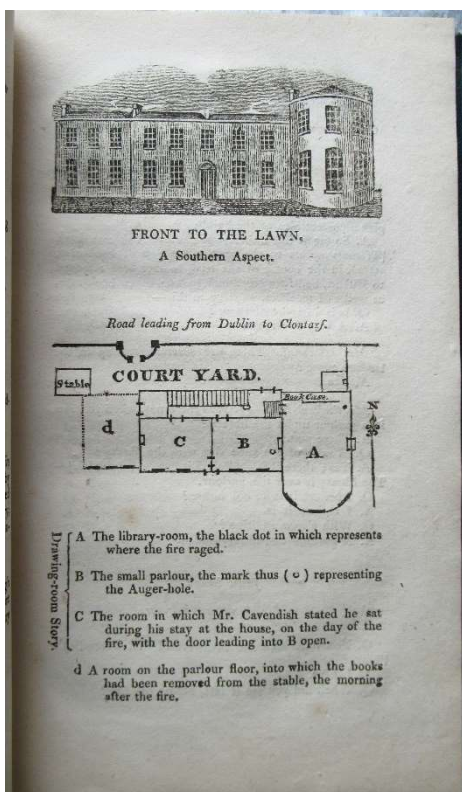


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An important work, not surpassed until the mid-nineteenth century. The first edition is not especially rare in commerce or institutional holdings, and neither is this an especially prepossessing example so far as condition is concerned, but as a multiple association copy, possibly with authorial corrections, it becomes rather special.

£2,000

16. **Elsam, Richard, Bryan Bolger et al. A Full Report, With Notes, of the Trial of an Action, Wherein the Hon. Frederick Cavendish was Plaintiff, and The Hope Insurance Company of London Were Defendants.**



Dublin: H. Fitzpatrick, 1813.

First edition. 249 pages. The book is firmly bound in dark green pebbled cloth covered boards, simply lettered and decorated in gilt to the spine, the binding probably late 19th or early 20th century, the boards are slightly marked and rubbed, with bumped extremities. The text block, with reddish brown speckling to all edges, is slightly age toned, marked and dusty, with a few dog-eared page corners, minor damage to a couple of page edges and occasional faint spots of foxing. From the Library of the Sun Fire Insurance Office, with oval stamps indicating this at intervals, an earlier ink ownership inscription of the same to the title page, and a more recent barcode strip to the front endpaper dating from its time in the archives of the RSA Insurance Group. The annotated transcript of a trial which will resonate with bibliophiles everywhere, regarding a fabulous library of rare books and prints insured for the sum of £12,000 (very approximately £1,000,000 today), which were apparently consumed by fire. The fire is undoubted but the insurance company accused Lord Cavendish of "fraud and evil practice", i.e. arson followed by a false claim, and the trial contains detailed attempts to prove the existence and extent of the library, including descriptions of specific volumes and witnesses attesting to prices paid and current market value, while the Insurance company contest that there was no evidence of charred volumes or burnt

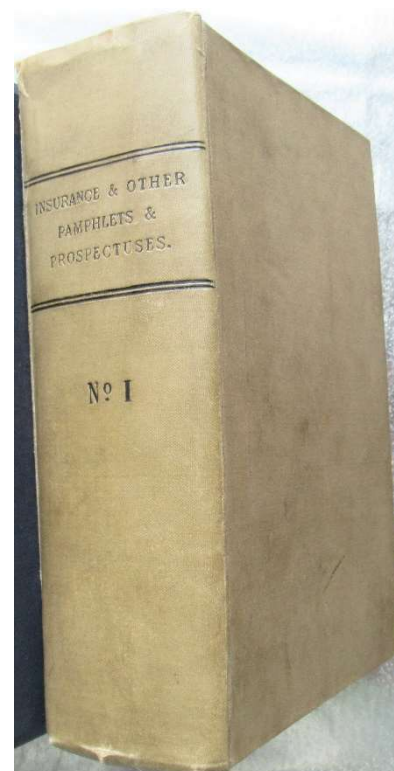
paper among the ashes, and that the fire started suspiciously in two locations simultaneously. The insurance company won the day. To page 40 is an engraving showing an elevation of the house, and a floorplan, with notes beneath, which is referenced at various points. A rare title both commercially and in institutional holdings, with seemingly the National Library of Ireland holding the only readily visible physical copy.

£600

17. **Gompertz, Benjamin, Christie, Robert, Sala, George Augustus et al. A Bound Collection, or Sammelband of 19th Century Pamphlets Mainly Regarding Life Assurance, Its Provision, and Controversies, Also Insurance Generally.**

London, Edinburgh, Dublin, Manchester and Bury: J. Whiting, W. S. D. Pateman, Simms & Dinham et al, 1824 to 1897 & 1924.

Consisting of 30 pamphlets, details as follows:



1. Original printed prospectus of: The Alliance British and Foreign Life and Fire Assurance Company. Instituted 1824. Capital Five Millions. – J. Whiting, London, 1824. 16 pages
2. An alternative original printed prospectus of: The Alliance British and Foreign Life and Fire Assurance Company, 4 New Court, St. Swithin's Lane, [corrected in ink to 1, Bartholomew Lane, Pall Mall] London, Established by Act of Parliament, Capital Five Millions Sterling. Instituted 1824. – J. Whiting, London, 1824. 15 pages.
3. A prospectus for the: Sun Life Assurance Society For Effecting Assurances on Lives and Survivorships. – Norris and Son, London, 1834. 15 pages.
4. Gompertz, Benjamin, Esq. F.R.S., F.R.A.S. – Reports With Respect to the Issuing of Non-Participating Policies by The Alliance Assurance Company. Made in the Year 1835. – J. Wertheimer, London, 1838. 32 pages, with a few manuscript corrections and an additional sheet of: "Numbers referred to", written in ink in a neat hand which bears at least a passing resemblance to that of Benjamin Gompertz (1779-1865), and given the provenance may perhaps be authorial additions and corrections.
5. The Yarmouth Assurance Cause. Palmer and Fish versus The Alliance Life Assurance Company – R. Gooch, Norwich, 1841. 44 pages.
6. Instructions From The Board of Directors To The Agents of The Alliance British and Foreign Life and Fire Assurance Company. – J. Wertheimer and Co., London, 1842. 34 pages then a further 8-page Memorandum and 3 folding tables. With a few manuscript corrections.
7. A Short Account of the Society for Equitable Assurances on Lives and Survivorships, Established by Deed. – Richard and John E. Taylor, London, 1847. 24 pages.

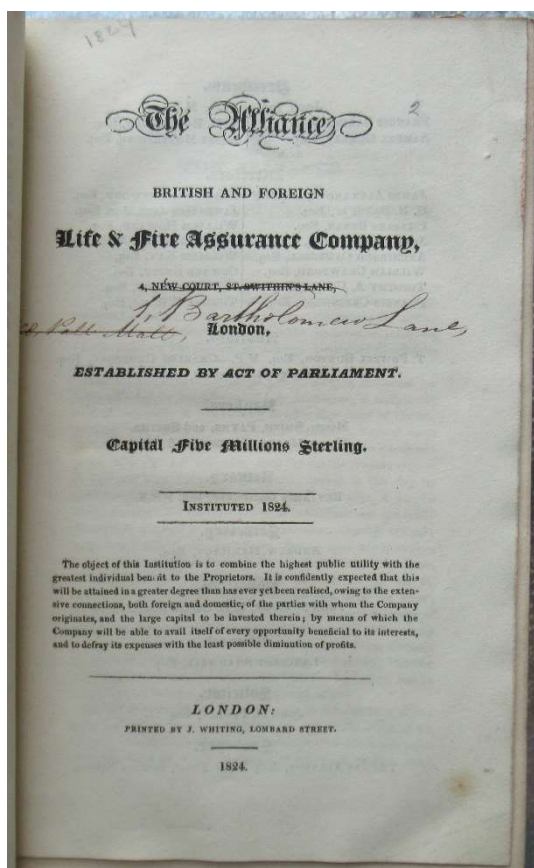
8. Life Assurance: Its Schemes, Its Difficulties, and Its Abuses. – W. S. D. Pateman, London, 1852. 29 pages + 3 of ads.

9. Christie, Robert – Letter To The Right Hon. Joseph W. Henley, M.P., President of the Board of Trade, Regarding Life Assurance Institutions. – Thomas Constable and Co., Edinburgh, 1852. 47 pages. Ink ownership inscription of the Alliance Life Office to the title page, and a small bookseller's label to the lower title page, that of C. & E. Layton of Fleet Street.

10. Remarks on A Letter by Robert Christie, Esq., F.I.A., Manager of the Scottish Equitable Life Assurance Company. To The Right Hon. Joseph W. Henley, M.P., By An Official in One of the Registered Companies Under The Joint-Stock Act. – Simms & Dinham, Manchester, 1852. 16 pages. With a small bookseller's label to the lower title page, that of C. & E. Layton of Fleet St.

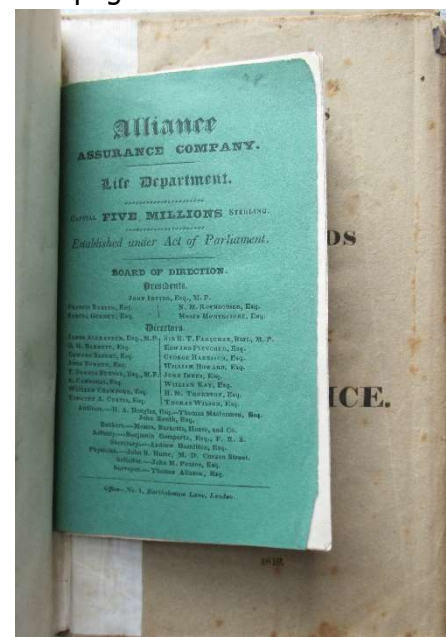
11. Strousberg, B. H. - Conspiracy Detected; In A Letter to the Right Hon. Joseph W. Henley, Esq., M.P., President of the Board of Trade. G. E. Petter, London 1852. Second edition. 29 pages. Ink ownership inscription of the Alliance Life Office to the title page.

12. Hartnoll, J. Hooper – A Letter to the Right Hon. E. Cardwell, M. P., President of the Board of Trade, on the Inoperative Character of the Joint Stock Companies' Registration Act. As A Means of Preventing the Formation of Bubble Assurance Companies. – W. S. D. Pateman, London, 1853. Second edition. 56 pages.



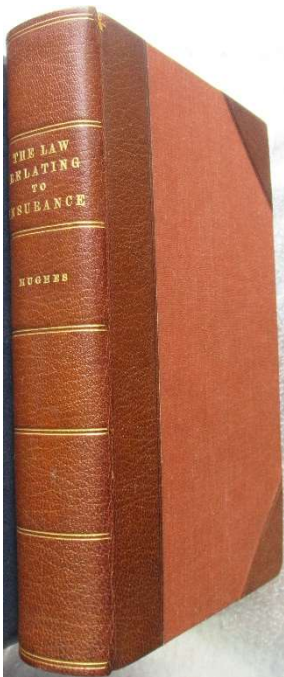
13. Baylis, Thomas H. - An Answer To The Attack of the "Daily News" of the 1st July 1856, on the Unity Fire Insurance Association. London, 1856. 36 pages.
14. Van Sandau, Andrew – An Exposition on the Author's Experience as One of the Assured in the "Alliance" British & Foreign Life & Fire Assurance Company. – C. A. Bartlett, London, 1856. 47 pages. Occasional pencil notes and highlighting.
15. Scotch Life Assurance and Scotch Life Offices – William Tweedie, London, 1857. 31 pages.
16. Hunter, Adam – The Fruits of Amalgamation Exhibited in the Correspondence of a Palladium Policy-Holder with Charles Jellicoe, Esq. – Edmonston & Douglas, Edinburgh, 1865. 41 Pages.
17. Overend, Guernsey, & Co., Limited. Report of the Committee of the Defence Association. Truth is Stranger than Fiction. – Standidge & Co., London, 1867. 18 pages of preliminaries, then 68 pages.
18. Sala, George Augustus – Insurance and Assurance An Essay. 1868. 16 pages.
19. Statement of the Facts Relating to Matthew Forster's Removal from The London Board of the Liverpool and London Insurance Company, Addressed to the Shareholders. – Jones and Causton, London, 1859. 47 pages.
20. The Report of the Committee of Investigation Appointed by the Special General Meeting of the Proprietors of the Liverpool and London Insurance Company, On the 13th December, 1859. – Teape and Son, Printers, London, 1860. 31 pages.
21. Tucker, Robert – On The Causes Which Lead to the Insolvency of Life Assurance Companies. – W. Kent and Co., London, 1869. 32 pages.
22. Boulton, Swinton – Observations on A Bill To Amend The Law Relating to Life Assurance Companies. – Privately printed, 1870. 38 pages.
23. The Liverpool & London & Globe Insurance Company. Past, Present, and Future. – M. Hynes, London, 1874. 44 pages + 2 folding sets of accounts tipped in on tabs.
24. Heald, D. A. – Fire Underwriting as a Profession. 1880. 16 pages.
25. Davis, Israel, M.A. – Sir Moses Montefiore: A Biographical Sketch – "Jewish Chronicle" Office, London, 1883. Portrait frontispiece, then 35 pages.
26. Deuchar, D. – Investments. A Lecture Delivered Before The Insurance Institute of Ireland – Charles Chambers, Dublin, 1897. 28 pages.
27. Rutter, F. W. P. – The Versatility of an Insurance Career. 1897. Approx 30 page offprint from the Transactions of the Insurance and Actuarial society of Glasgow – Fourth Series, No. 6.
28. Small Printed Prospectus of the Alliance Assurance Company. Life Department. Capital Five Millions Sterling. – J. Wertheimer, London. In original green wraps, lettered in black. 8 pages. Undated but certainly early, pre-1848, while Benjamin Gompertz was the Actuary.
29. Abstracts of the Two Deeds of The Suffolk Fire-Office. – Gedge and Barker, Bury, 1819. 26 pages plus a blank, bound in the original drab wraps, lettered in black.
30. Alliance Assurance Company Limited. 16-page 1924 prospectus.

All bound in early twentieth century grey cloth covered boards, lettered and bordered in black to the spine, with the contents mostly speckled red to the edges of their text blocks, the cloth is quite marked and rubbed and the extremities are bumped. The first 27 pamphlets are bound in, the final 3 are tipped-in as later additions, no. 29 protruding from the block, with consequent curling to its edges. The contents are age toned, slightly marked and foxed, to varying degrees depending upon the quality of the paper, and their existence prior to being combined in this format, with some minor under-lining or notes, in addition to those specifically noted above. A manuscript contents list neatly written in ink has been provided to the front endpaper and its verso for nos. 1-29. From the archives of the RSA Insurance Group with their barcode strip to the front endpaper. The majority of pamphlets are rare or non-existent in commerce, there are no obviously locatable copies of nos. 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 14, 18, 26, 28 and 29 in institutional holdings, and only 1 obviously locatable copy of nos. 11, 20, 23 and 24. An important collection, spanning the period of expansion, consolidation, professionalisation and standardisation of the insurance business, with particular focus on Life Assurance, as it became increasingly understood in the provinces, and among the working classes in Britain.



18. **Hughes, David. A Treatise on The Law Relating to Insurance.**

London: Joseph Butterworth and Son, 1828.



First edition. 40 pages of preliminaries, then 604 pages. The book is firmly bound in modern mid to late-twentieth century brown Morocco over brown cloth covered boards, with simple gilt lettering and decoration to the spine, the leather and cloth are lightly rubbed and marked. The text block, with the earlier speckling to all edges retained, is lightly toned, foxed and marked, with minor damage to a few page edges and occasional pencil highlighting. From the archives of the RSA Insurance Group with their barcode strip to the first blank page (this a later blank from the time of re-binding rather than one of the original pages). An important and interesting treatise, devoted almost entirely to marine insurance, with much smaller sections on fire and life insurance, deemed significant enough to warrant a revised American edition 5 years later in 1833. Which provides considerable detail based upon specific cases, Hughes naming ships and describing disasters to illustrate his points, making it highly readable,

including an interesting 3-page critique of the slave trade, at this point abolished for 20 years, and its complex relationship with insurance, also such matters as the increased risks caused by such actions as taking on board prisoners of war. A rare title in commerce, and fairly sparsely represented in U.K. institutional holdings.

£750

PART THE SECOND.

OF INSURANCE ON LIVES.

CHAPTER I.

Of the Contract and its Incidents

CHAPTER II.

Of the Risk and Event insured against

PART THE THIRD.

OF INSURANCE AGAINST FIRE

APPENDIX.

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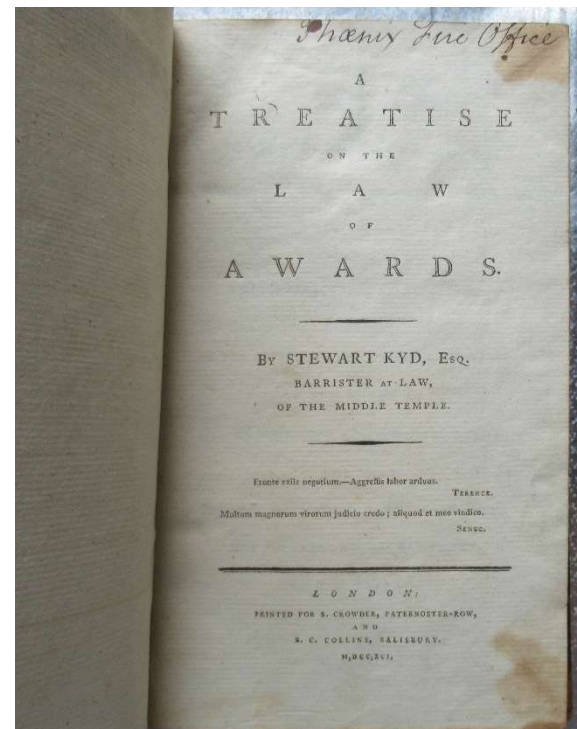
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19. **Kyd, Stewart (1758-1811). A Treatise on the Law of Awards.**

London: S. Crowder, 1791.

First edition. Comprising: 8 pages of preliminaries, then 251 pages, 6-page Index and errata. The book is quite firmly bound in late-eighteenth century half-calf over marbled paper covered boards, with simple gilt decoration to the spine and a gilt-lettered red Morocco title label, the boards are worn, the front hinge is split, the board held on by the cords, the spine is cracked with loss to the ends and the corners are bumped with loss to the leather. The text block is slightly marked and age toned, with occasional spots of foxing and a few dog-eared page corners, but for the most part the pages are crisp and it appears little read. Originally from the working library of the Phoenix Fire Office, with their ink ownership inscription to the title page, then an ink stamp noting that it was part of the Sun Alliance Insurance Group's Phoenix Archive, and more recently from the archives of the RSA Insurance Group with their barcode strip to the front endpaper. An important legal treatise on the subject of arbitration, a crucial matter during the rapid commercial expansion of the industrial revolution. Kyd was a Scottish law writer and a political radical during the Enlightenment, who was arrested on a charge of high treason in 1794. The first edition is fairly uncommon in commerce.

£230



20. **Lewis, Hugh and Captain Gwilym Hugh Lewis, D.F.C. Aviation & Insurance Notes For Underwriters.**

London: Stone & Cox, 1920.

First edition. 60 pages. Inscribed in ink to the front endpaper: "With the Authors' Compliments – To L. L. Otter-Barry, Esq.". The book is quite firmly bound in the publisher's quarter white cloth, lettered in black to the spine, over brown paper covered boards, illustrated and lettered in black, blue and yellow, the boards are quite marked, bumped rubbed and stained, with labels for Bullens of Elstree to the front and rear boards, which are beginning to peel off. The text block is slightly toned, marked and dusty, with occasional spots of foxing. From the archives of the RSA Insurance Group with their barcode strip to the front pastedown. A post-WW1 treatise on aviation insurance, though in reality mainly a treatise on aviation, covering biplanes, monoplanes, seaplanes and airships, with emphasis on the considerable developments made during the war, detailing the various factors, human, machine, atmospheric and ground-based, their attendant risks and the challenges in estimating them, written in a pithy, engaging anecdotal style. Both Lewis senior, a civilian pilot and his WW1 flying Ace Son, Gwilym worked in insurance, and the latter wrote books on aviation safety. Rare in commerce.

£300

21. **Lockie, John. Lockie's Topography of London.**

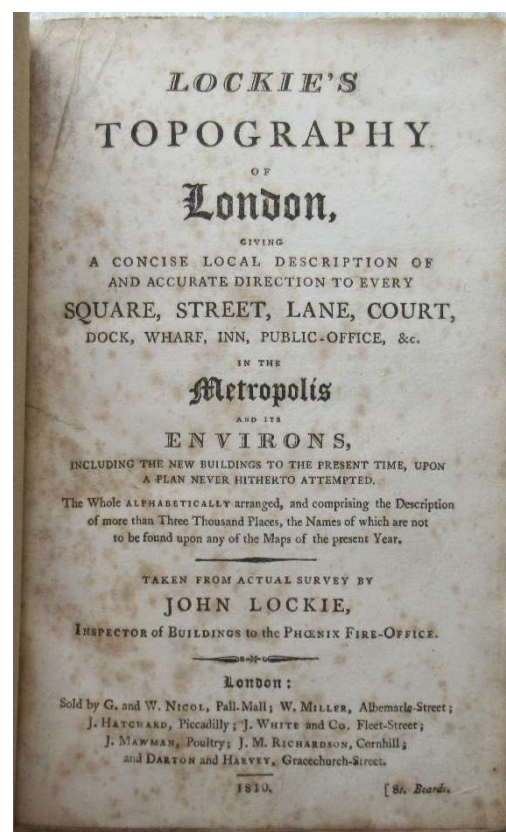
London: G. and W. Nicol et al, 1810.

First edition. Unpaginated, but appears complete, with title page, Preface, Dedication and ad, then the guide itself. The book is firmly bound in modern half-calf over marbled paper covered boards, with simple gilt decoration to the spine, and a gilt-lettered black Morocco title label, the leather is a trifle rubbed, as is the paper to the lower edges of the boards. The text block is slightly foxed, marked and age toned, with dog-eared page corners and minor damage to some page edges, it has been well used, with various addresses ticked or crossed in the margin, and some corrected or added in ink.

There is a good chain of provenance, from an elegantly written ownership inscription dated August 1848, to Frederick W. Jones from the 1848 owner who was his uncle, an ink stamp to the verso of the front pastedown noting that it was part of the Sun Alliance Insurance Group's Phoenix Archive, more recently from the archives of the RSA Insurance Group with their barcode strip to the front endpaper, and with a tipped-in note informing us that it was donated by a C. R. C. Campbell, an Agent of a North London Branch of presumably either the Phoenix or Sun insurance offices.

Lockie worked for the Phoenix Fire Office and spent 7 years compiling the guide, making good use of his time tramping the streets, and excellent eye for assessing adjacent risks to the immediate address in question when establishing insurance premiums. Each address being noted for its relation to landmarks such as local pubs and distances from major thoroughfares. It was a popular guide and produced in good numbers, however due to its highly practical nature many were consulted to destruction, and others would have been discarded once they became obsolete, meaning that the attrition rate has been high, and the first edition is quite uncommon in commerce.

£280



22. **Longridge, Robert B. A Bound Run of the Steam Boiler Assurance Company and Boiler Insurance & Steam Power Company Limited Chief Engineer's Reports 1859 to 1878.**

Manchester: G. Falkner and Cave and Sever, 1863 to 1879.

A bound group of separately paginated reports from the Longridge family run pioneering industrial insurance companies, from 1859 – 1864 the Steam Boiler Assurance Company, covering the period from its foundation, and from then on the Boiler Insurance & Steam Power Company Limited, interspersed with 7 original mounted sepia toned photographs from 1866, 4 high-quality coloured reproductions from photographs, 22 more cheaply produced black and white images from photographs, roughly 14 folding charts or diagrams and approximately 98 further charts & diagrams, a few of the latter two categories with some colour. The photographs are of ruins caused by failed and exploded boilers, and of the components believed responsible for the failure. The first 4 reports have title pages dated 1873, indicating that they were reprinted specifically for inclusion in this volume, post-1862 they appear to be the originals.

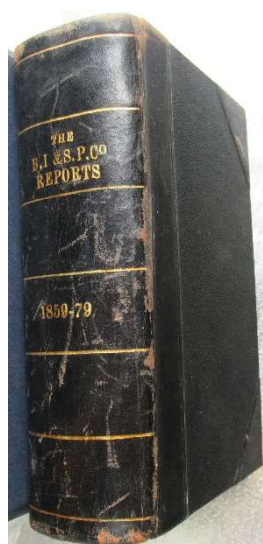
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boards, the leather is rubbed and scuffed, the boards are lightly marked and the extremities are slightly bumped. The lower edges of the text block are untrimmed, while the top and fore-edges have been neatly trimmed and speckled, it is slightly age toned, foxed and dusty, to varying degrees depending upon the paper quality for each report, with some dog-eared page corners, also occasional pencil notes and doodles. From the archives of the RSA Insurance Group with their barcode strip and a pencil reference code to the front endpaper.

The Longridge family had a long history of engineering stretching back to the development of early steam engines, and were active throughout the industrial revolution, R. B. Longridge's father was George Stephenson's business partner. The Steam Boiler Assurance Company was part of a vanguard of companies offering a combination of accident insurance and boiler inspection. These reports show the diversification into managing engineering risks, with detailed analysis of disasters and failures which helped

improve safety, and incidentally their profits due to having to pay out on fewer policies. They are also interesting for the early use of photography in the context of recording the aftermath of industrial disasters, to provide the most accurate and irrefutable evidence for later study or in the event of a legal arbitration case. Unsurprisingly rare, both in commerce and institutional holdings.

£450



23. Magens, Nicolas. An Essay on Insurances.

London: J. Haberkorn and W. Baker, 1755.

First U.K. edition. 2 vols. Comprising: Vol 1: Title; 6 and 18 pages of preliminaries, the Contents in this instance bound before the Preface, so the pagination runs XV to XVIII then I to XIV; then 562 pages; and Vol 2: 6 pages of preliminaries, then 714 pages.

The books are bound in late nineteenth or early twentieth century half-calf, over brown pebbled cloth covered boards, with gilt lettered red and black title labels to the spine, raised bands and decoration in blind, all edges of the text blocks stained red, and brown endpapers front and rear, vol 1 the leather is rubbed and worn and the hinges are fragile but still holding, vol 2 the hinges have split, the front board has detached and the rear board nearly

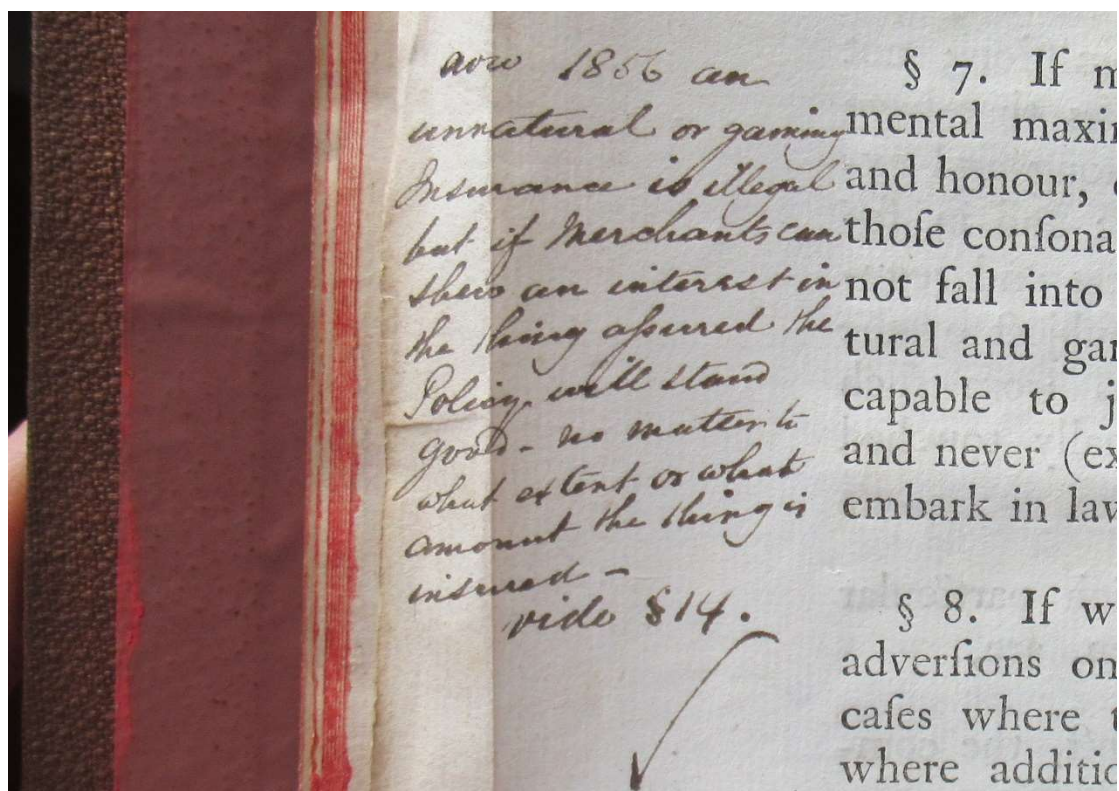
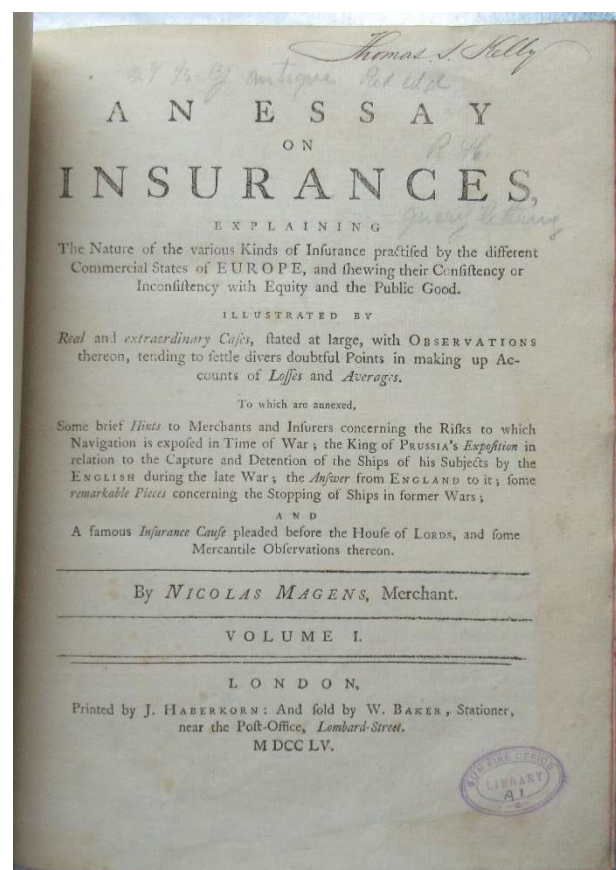
so, the cloth is somewhat marked and rubbed. The text blocks are age toned and foxed to varying degrees depending upon the paper quality, some pages are quite marked, there is minor damage to a few page edges and some dog-eared corners.

Formerly the property of a Thomas S. Kelly of Liverpool (almost certainly Thomas Samuel Kelly (died 1881), who worked as an average adjuster in marine insurance), with his ownership inscriptions dated variously 1853 and 1856 to the title pages and at a few points within the text, Kelly has made quite extensive ink notes in the margins at a few points in volume 1, engaging critically with Magens, and these have been retained at the point of re-binding by folding them over to escape the guillotine, confirming that the binding post-dates his ownership. Subsequently the property of the Sun Fire Office Library, with their ink stamp at points throughout, and more recently from the archives of the RSA Insurance Group with their barcode strip to the first blank of each volume.

An important early treatise on insurance, with an emphasis on marine risks, particularly to shipping during wartime. Magens was a wealthy and multi-talented German-born

merchant, who lived in Spain and then settled in London, becoming a Director of the Royal Exchange Assurance Corporation. His Essay on Insurances was famously used as a source of information by Adam Smith in *The Wealth of Nations*. Although at present an unprepossessing example of the first British edition, the text blocks are sound and the bindings could easily be restored and rejuvenated.

£950



24. **Magens, Nicolaus. Versuch über Assecuranzen, Havereyen und Bodmereyen [An Essay on Insurances].**



**Versuch
über
Assecuranzen und Havereyen.
Zweyter Abschnitt.**

I. Capitel.

Wie viel man versichern müsse, um, im Falle eines Schadens, Capital, Prämie und Interesse zu empfangen.

Bin Jahre 1725, traf man zu Cadix die Gewohnheit an, daß viele Güter verkauft wurden, um selbige, auf Retour der Flotte, mit 8 pr. Cent Interesse zu bezahlen: weil aber dabey

Hamburg: Conrad Königs, 1753.

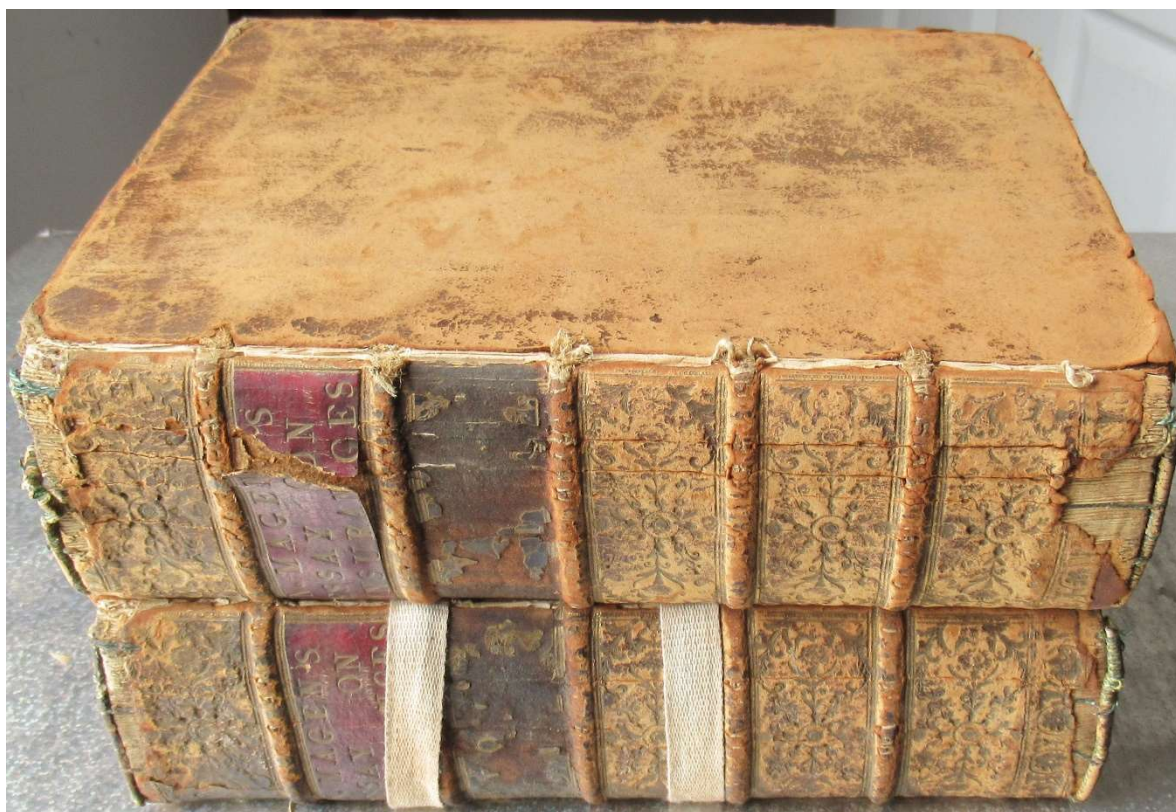
First edition. In two volumes. Vol 1: 22 pages of preliminaries, then 616 pages. Vol 2: pages 617 to 1331 and a page of Errata.

The books are bound in the remains of the original or very early mid-eighteenth century full calf, the leather chipped, cracked and powdery with most of the surface gone, probably a continental binding, though possibly English, with raised bands and the remains of quite elaborate gilt decoration to the spines, cracked and chipped red Morocco title labels giving the title in English, and some fragments of black title labels in the sections below. The text blocks are slightly toned, marked, grubby and foxed, with a few dog-eared or chipped corners, the paper slightly thicker and more brittle perhaps in vol 1, page PP1 has a double crease to the top corner which is beginning to tear along one fold at the top, and there is an interesting looking ancient squashed fly to the margin of UUUU3 in vol 2.

From the archives of the RSA Insurance Group with their barcode strip to the front endpaper of each volume, no obvious earlier signs of ownership.

An important early treatise on insurance, with an emphasis on marine risks, particularly to shipping during wartime. Magens was a wealthy and multi-talented German-born merchant, who lived in Spain and then settled in London, becoming a Director of the Royal Exchange Assurance Corporation. His Essay on Insurances was translated, revised and expanded into English two years later in 1755, and was famously used as a source of information by Adam Smith in The Wealth of Nations.

The first edition, published anonymously, is slightly enlivened compared to its English counterpart by at least 8 woodcut head and tailpieces, including one rather dramatic of a ship in a heavy sea. Quite uncommon in institutional holdings, and seemingly very rare in commerce with only one immediately locatable auction record from 2008. This



example distinctly unprepossessing, not to mention tricky and mucky to handle, at present, but highly original, with good wide margins, and much scope for sympathetic restoration or improvement.

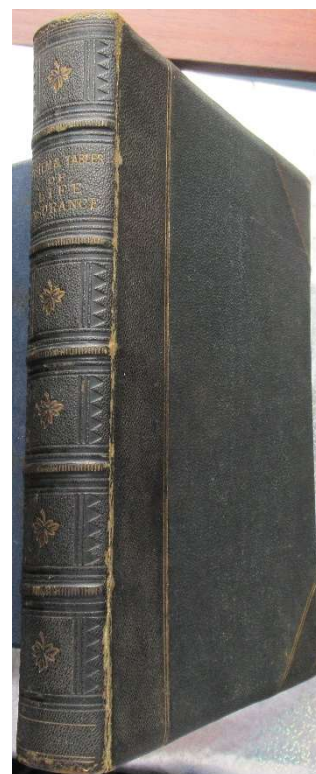
£2,000

25. **Meech, Levi W. System and Tables of Life Insurance.**

Norwich, Conn., 1881.

First edition. Privately published by subscription. Divided into two sections, 298 and 253 pages respectively. The book is bound in late nineteenth century black half-leather over black pebbled cloth covered boards, lettered and decorated in gilt and blind, the leather is rubbed and the hinges are beginning to crack, the cloth is slightly marked and rubbed. The text block, with speckling to all edges, remains firmly sewn, it is slightly toned and marked, the endpapers are quite grubby and dusty, there are a few small chips and short closed tears to page edges, and a couple of manuscript corrections in ink to the text. To the first blank is an ink stamp indicating that it once belonged to the Economic Life Assurance Society, and more recently it has resided in the archives of the RSA Insurance Group with their barcode strip to the top of the front endpaper. A weighty tome, marking an important development in standardising, organising and formalising the risks relating to life assurance in the U.S., collecting together a vast amount of data, and showing the variation in life expectancy depending upon gender, geographical or state location, likely exposure to disease, impact of climate, weight and height. Revised editions were published in 1886 and 1898, this, the first edition, is rare, both in commerce and institutional holdings.

£380



26. **Milne, Joshua. A Treatise on the Valuation of Annuities and Assurances on Lives and Survivorships.**

London: Longman, Hurst, Rees, Orme, and Brown, 1815.

First edition. 2 vols, comprising: 6 pages of titles, Contents and Errata, 55-page Introduction, then 783 pages, the pagination running continuously across both volumes, with separate title page for vol 2. The books are quite firmly bound in full calf, with gilt-lettered black title labels, tooling in gilt and blind, all edges of the text blocks gilt, and with marbled endpapers front and rear, the leather is quite rubbed and slightly marked, the extremities are a little bumped. The text blocks are slightly marked and age toned, with minor spots of foxing, a few dog-eared page corners and a few small holes or chips to pages. With ink inscriptions to the verso of each front endpaper, indicating that the books were presented to Sun Life Insurance by a Basil W. Hardcastle in 1910, this likely to be Basil William Hardcastle (1857-1915), a prosperous London accountant and auditor. More recently from the archives of the RSA Insurance Group with their barcode strip to the same page in each volume. An important treatise on the subject of life assurance, making a serious attempt to formalise and standardise the risks, taking into account war, diseases such as small pox, and geographical location.

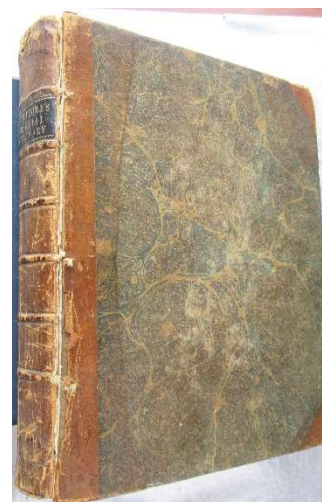
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27. **Montefiore, Joshua. A Commercial Dictionary Containing The Present State of Mercantile Law, Practice and Custom.**

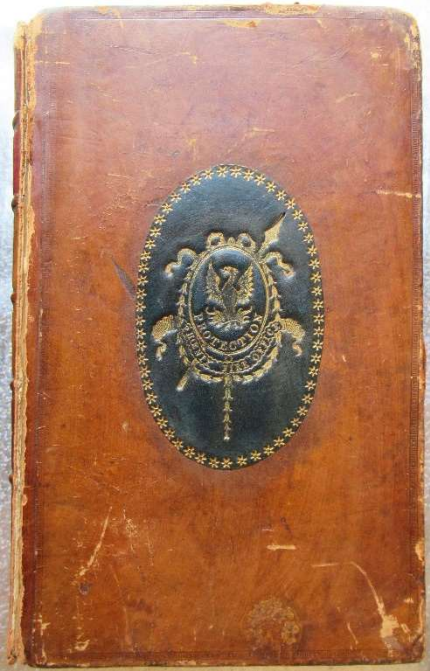
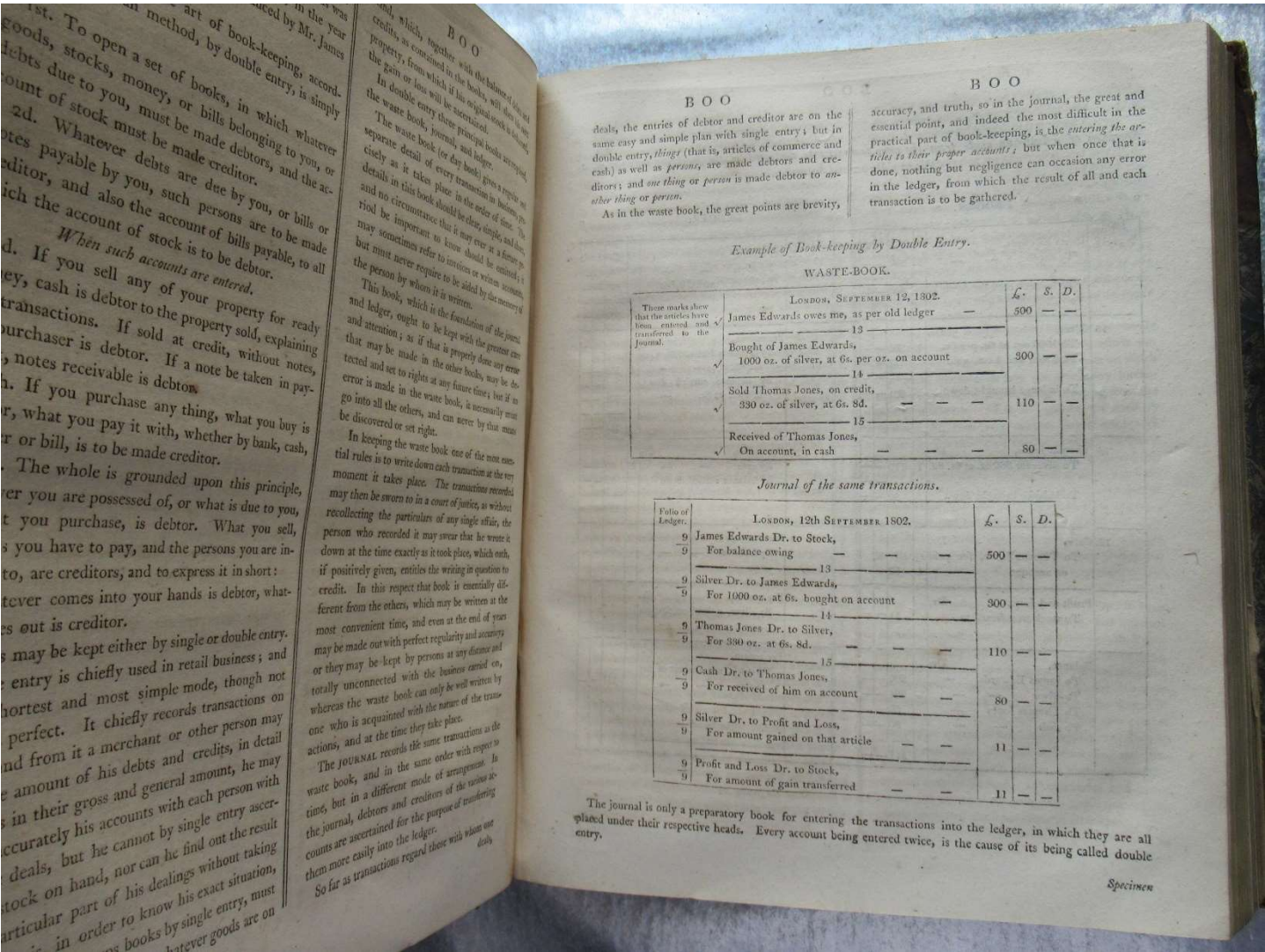
London: T. Gillet, Printer, 1803.

First edition. Self-published. 39 pages of preliminaries, then unnumbered pages B to 404. Signed in ink by the author to the dedication page, as presumably all copies were. The book is bound in early nineteenth century half-calf, with raised bands, gilt-lettered black Morocco title label and simple gilt decoration to the spine, over marbled paper covered boards, all edges of the text block are stained a cheerful yellow, the front board is entirely detached, the rear hinge is split but the board is still held by the cords, the leather is rubbed and chipped, there is a crack down the spine strip, and the marbled paper is rubbed, marked, age darkened and chipped. The text block is slightly marked and age toned, with minor damage to some page edges and occasional dog-eared



corners, there is a manuscript correction in ink to page 3P4 possible authorial, "Mr. Adam Smith" has been altered to "Dr. Adam Smith". Originally the property of the Phoenix Fire Office with their ink ownership inscription to the front pastedown, and more recently from the archives of the RSA Insurance Group with their pencil reference code to the front endpaper opposite. Montefiore's most significant work, which was deemed important enough to revise and expand for an American edition the following year. Though plentifully represented in institutional holdings, the first edition is rare in commerce.

£600



28. **Park, James Allan. A System of the Law of Marine Insurances.**
London: T. Whieldon, 1787.

First edition. 16 pages of Titles, Preface and Contents, a 7-page Index and Errata page, a 44-page Introduction, then 530 pages, and finally a 50-page unpaginated "Table of the Principal Matters". The book is bound in contemporary late-eighteenth century full-calf, simply decorated with a blind-tooled border to the front and rear boards, with raised bands to the spine, a red Morocco title label lettered and decorated in gilt, and to the centre of the front board the large lozenge shaped distinctive ownership mark of the Phoenix Fire Office in gilt on contrasting black leather, the front board is entirely detached, the rear hinge is split but holding, and the leather is quite rubbed, chipped, marked and scratched, with a crack down the spine. The text block has fared much better, it remains quite tightly stitched together, with some browning and foxing to the earlier and later pages, minor damage to a few page edges, with otherwise light marks, slight toning and a few dog-eared corners. With good provenance, from the Phoenix Archive of the Sun Alliance Insurance Group, stamped as such to the

front endpaper, and more recently from the archives of the RSA Insurance Group with their barcode strip below. A foundational treatise on the law relating to marine insurance, influential both in England and America, and an entertaining read, not at all dry, as being a pioneering text, rather than chewing over the views of earlier scholars Park focuses on primary material, with hundreds of specific cases discussed, naming ships, cargoes, destinations, the catastrophes that befell them and how the subsequent insurance claims were settled. This example at present in a state of disrepair, but eminently restorable, in its original binding.

£380

29. **Povey, Charles. The Unhappiness of England, As To Its Trade By Land and Sea Truly Stated.**

London, 1701.

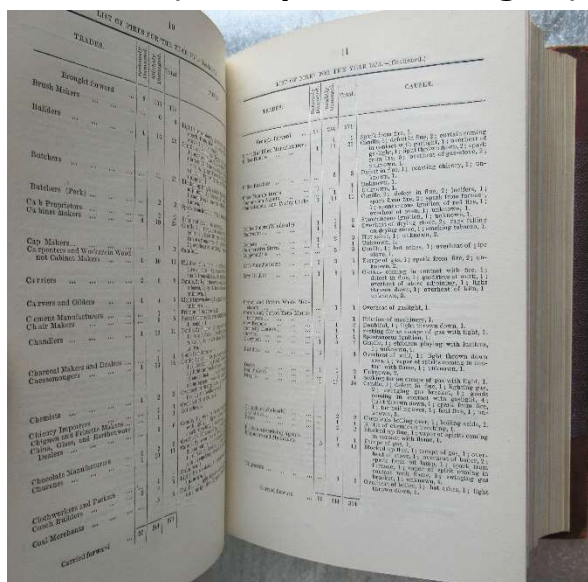
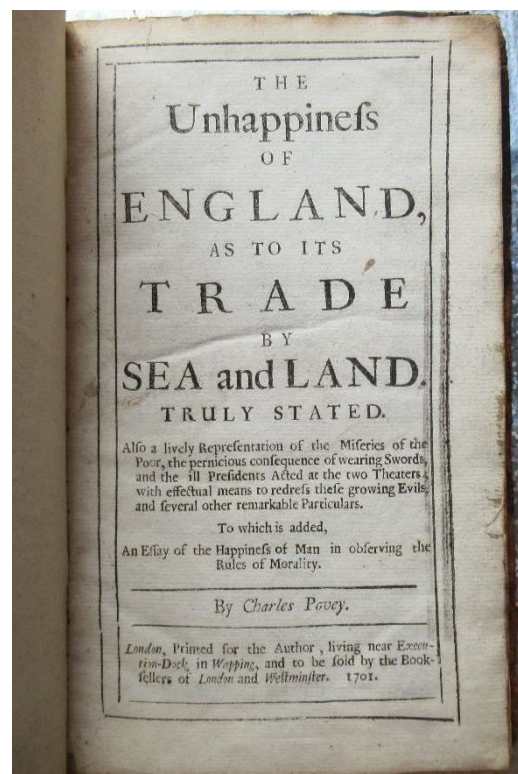
First edition. Self-published. 142 pages. The book is currently in poor shape, bound in what appears to be the original early-eighteenth century sprinkled panelled calf binding, with raised bands to the spine and what looks to be a slightly later gilt-lettered red title label, the boards are chipped and rubbed, the front board is detached, the rear board still notionally hanging on by the cords, though this is not especially relevant as the block and spine has split in two between pages 130 (K1) and 131 (K2). The text block is slightly toned, marked and foxed, with dog-eared page corners, and a few minor nicks and closed tears to some page edges, aside from the complete split the stitching seems fairly secure. With an ink ownership inscription in 3 hands noting: "Bought for the Sun Fire Office 12th Dec. 1874 from A. R. Smith 36 Soho Sq: 2/-". See front page Virgin in Eden", with the later Sun Fire Office Library stamp to the front endpaper, and more recently from the archives of the RSA Insurance Group with their barcode strip to the front pastedown. Povey's far ranging treatise on British trade, commercial skulduggery, and the morals of the country in general, deriving in part from his own unfortunate experiences in the coal trade, including a vitriolic rant regarding vice in theatres, and suggestions for the provision of the poor. A prolific author of many similarly controversial texts, Povey is also notable as the founder in 1708 of what became the Sun Fire Office, before moving on rapidly to other ventures. At present in dilapidated condition but eminently conservable, it is a rare little title, with very good recent provenance from the library of the company which Povey founded.

£250

30. **Shaw, Capt. E. M. [Eyre Massey]. A Bound Run of the Report of Capt. E. M. Shaw, Chief Officer, Metropolitan Fire Brigade, on The State of the Brigade, and on the London Fires During the Year 1866 to 1883.**

London: Brickhill and Bateman, Printers, Judd and Co., Printers, 1866 to 1883.

A bound collection of separately paginated [varying from approximately 20 to 38 pages] pamphlet reports spanning 17 years of the Metropolitan Fire Brigade from its formation in 1866 until 1883. Bound in late Victorian brown half-calf, over pebbled brown cloth covered boards, the leather is heavily worn and chipped, the hinges are split and the boards are hanging on by the cords and endpapers, and the cloth is slightly marked and rubbed. The text block is slightly age toned, to varying degrees depending upon the quality of the paper, with some dusty marks, occasional spots of foxing and some dog-eared page corners. Originally from the library of the Sun Fire Office, and more recently from the archives of the



RSA Insurance Group with their barcode strip to the front pastedown, below which is the label of original sellers, London Stationers Norris & Son. An important record of the modern London fire brigade during its early decades, with much numerical data, detailed causes of fires, and a record of human tragedy, providing descriptions of injuries and deaths suffered, noting the age and gender but not the names of those affected. The reports are unsurprisingly rare, both in commerce and institutional holdings.

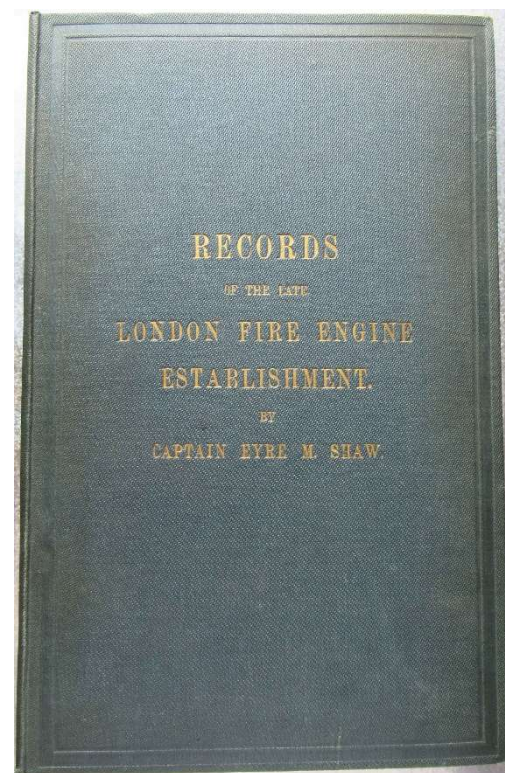
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31. Shaw, Captain Eyre M. [Massey]. Records of the Late London Fire Engine Establishment.

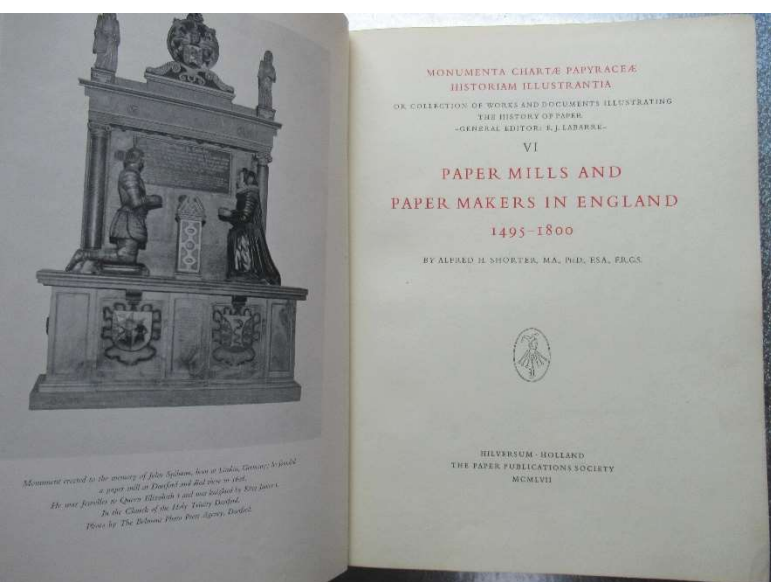
London: James Truscott & Son, 1870.

First edition. Large quarto. 64 pages + 3 huge folding charts. The book is firmly bound in the original dark green pebbled cloth covered boards, lettered and decorated in gilt and blind with yellow endpapers front and rear, the cloth is slightly marked, the extremities are bumped and there is a superficial split starting at the top of the rear hinge, probably from a knock received, the cloth torn. The text block is slightly toned and marked, and there are closed tears to the charts, though they remain in fairly good order and the tears appear to be from careless mis-opening rather than weakness to the folds.

From the archives of the RSA Insurance Group with their barcode strip to the front pastedown. An important record gathered together by the redoubtable Shaw, providing information on fires, fire engines, equipment in possession of the Fire Engine Establishment, and details of the men killed while fighting fires in the metropolis. This, quite a well-preserved example in the original cloth.



£380



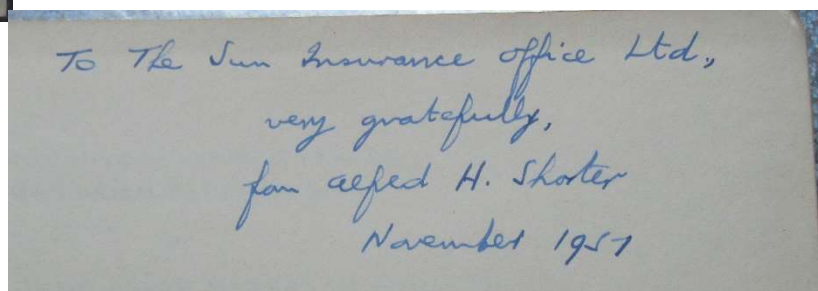
32. Shorter, Alfred H. Paper Mills and Paper Makers In England 1495-1800.

Hilversum: The Paper Publications Society, 1957.

First edition. Limited to 600 copies. 457 pages + colophon, frontispiece, and a page of ads to the rear. Inscribed by the author to the first blank: "To The Sun Insurance Office Ltd., Very gratefully, from Alfred H. Shorter November 1957". The book is quite firmly bound in somewhat grubby, marked and rubbed cream coloured cloth covered boards, lettered and decorated in gilt, the extremities are bumped. The text block is slightly marked, dusty and age toned, with a few dog-eared page corners. From the archives of the

RSA Insurance Group with their barcode strip to the front pastedown. A substantial well produced volume, with 12 maps showing the locations of paper mills at various junctures, also reproductions of many watermarks. Uncommon in commerce.

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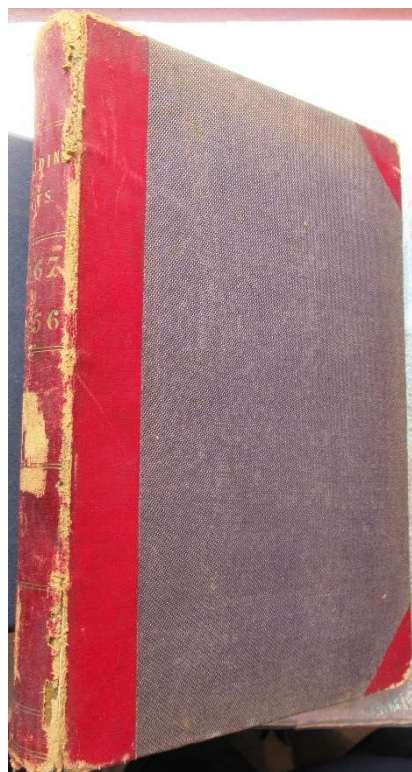


33. **A Bound Collection, or Sammelband of British Acts of Parliament Relating to Building, Public Safety, Fire Prevention, Police and Insurance 1667 to 1858.**

London: Mark Baskett, George Edward Eyre and William Spottiswoode, Charles Eyre and William Strahan et al, 1762 to 1858.

Consisting of 15 Acts, as follows:

1. Rebuilding of London Act 1666
AKA An Act For Rebuilding The City of London. 1667 – Reprint. George Edward Eyre and William Spottiswoode, London, 1850. 20 pages.
2. Rebuilding of London Act 1670
AKA An Additional Act for the rebuilding of the City of London, uniting of Parishes and rebuilding of the Cathedral and Parochial Churches within the said City. 1670 – Reprint. George Edward Eyre and William Spottiswoode, London, 1850. 35 pages.
3. Mischiefs from Fire Act 1707 AKA An Act for the better preventing Mischiefs that may happen by Fire. 1707 – Reprint. Charles Eyre and William Strahan, London, 1770. Title page and pages 423 to 428
4. Mischiefs by Fire Act 1708 AKA An Act for making more effectual an Act made in the Sixth Year of Her Majesties Reign, for the better preventing of Mischiefs that may happen by Fire. 1708. Reprint. Charles Eyre and William Strahan, London, 1770. Title page and pages 255 to 262.
5. Mischief by Fire Act 1724 AKA An Act for the better regulating of Buildings, and to prevent Mischiefs that may happen by Fire within the weekly Bills of Mortality, and other Places therein mentioned. 1725. Reprint. Mark Baskett, London, 1762. Title page and pages 475 to 482.
6. Regulation of Buildings Act 1763 AKA An Act for the better regulating of Buildings, and to prevent Mischiefs that may happen by Fire within the weekly Bills of Mortality, and other Places therein mentioned. 1763. Reprint. Charles Eyre and William Strahan, London, 1770. Title page and pages 259 to 270.
7. Regulation of Buildings Act 1766 AKA An Act to explain, amend, and render more effectual, an Act made in the Fourth Year of His present Majesty's Reign, for the better regulating of Buildings, and to prevent Mischiefs that may happen by Fire within the weekly Bills of Mortality, and other Places therein mentioned. 1765. First or contemporary printing. Mark Baskett, London, 1766. Title page and pages 647 to 658.
8. Metropolitan Buildings Act 1772 AKA An Act for the better Regulation of Buildings and Party Walls within the Cities of London and Westminster, and the Liberties thereof, and other the Parishes, Precincts, and Places in the weekly Bills of Mortality, the Parishes of Saint Mary-le-Bon and Paddington, Saint Pancras, and Saint Luke at Chelsea, in the County of Middlesex, and for the better preventing of Mischiefs by Fire within the said Liberties, Parishes, Precincts, and Places, and for Amending and Reducing the Laws relating thereto into One Act; and for Other Purposes. 1772. First or contemporary printing. Charles Eyre and William Strahan, London, 1772. Title page and pages 1523 to 1571.
9. Building Act 1774 AKA An Act for the further and better Regulation of Buildings and Party Walls, and for the more effectually preventing Mischiefs by Fire, within the Cities of London and Westminster, and the Liberties thereof, and other the Parishes, Precincts, and



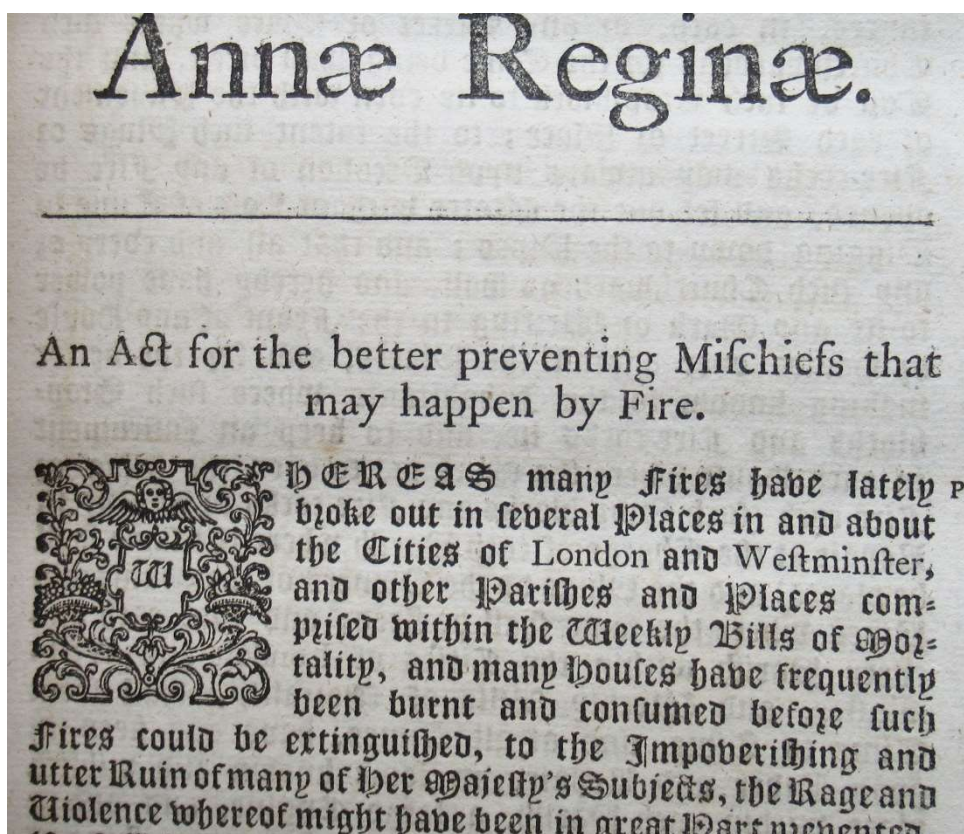
Places in the weekly Bills of Mortality, the Parishes of Saint Mary-le-Bon and Paddington, Saint Pancras, and Saint Luke at Chelsea, in the County of Middlesex; and for indemnifying, under certain Conditions, Builders and other Persons against the Penalties to which they are or may be liable for erecting Buildings within the Limits aforesaid contrary to the Law. 1774. Reprint. George Eyre and Andrew Spottiswoode, London, 1838. 56 pages.

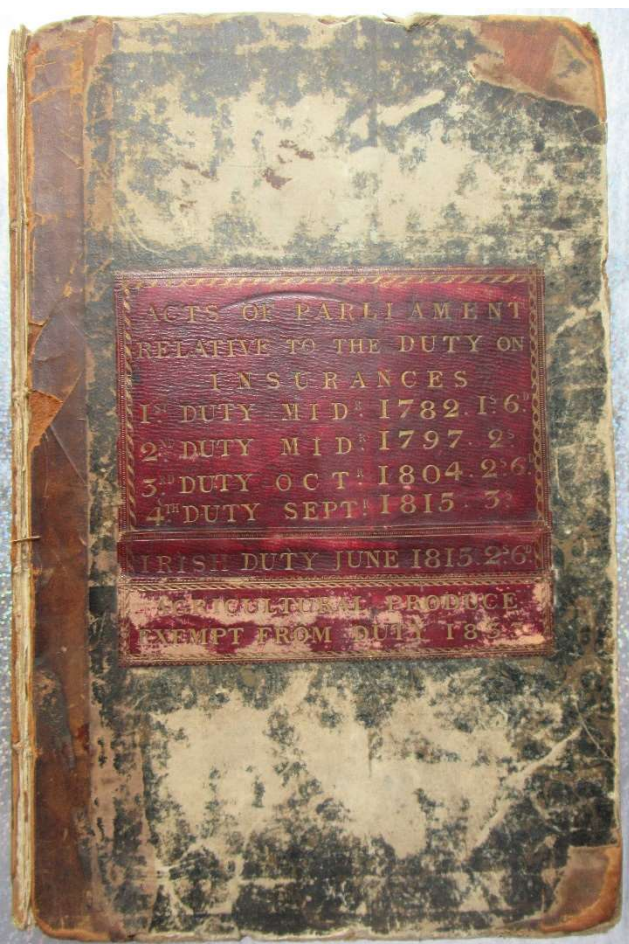
10. Metropolitan Buildings Act 1844 AKA An act for regulating the Construction and the Use of Buildings in the Metropolis and its Neighbourhood. 1844. Reprint. George Edward Eyre and William Spottiswoode, London, 1855. 4 pages of Contents, then Pages 709 to 800.
11. An Act to amend an act for regulating the Construction and the Use of Buildings in the Metropolis and its Neighbourhood. 1846. First or early printing. George Edward Eyre and William Spottiswoode, London, 1847. Pages 101 to 104.
12. Metropolis Management Act 1855 AKA An Act for the better Local Management of the Metropolis. 1855. First or early printing. George Edward Eyre and William Spottiswoode, London, 1855. Pages 989 to 1100.
13. An Act to amend the Laws relating to the construction of Buildings in the Metropolis and its Neighbourhood. 1855. First or early printing. George Edward Eyre and William Spottiswoode, London, 1855. 4 pages of Contents, then pages 1141 to 1184.
14. Town Police Clauses Act 1847 AKA An Act for consolidating in One Act certain Provisions usually contained in Acts for regulating the Police of Towns. 1847. Reprint. George Edward Eyre and William Spottiswoode, London, 1854. Pages 857 to 878.
15. Local Government Act 1858 AKA An Act to Amend the Public Health Act, 1848, and to make further Provision for the Local Government of Towns and Populous Districts. 1858. First or early printing. George Edward Eyre and William Spottiswoode, London, 1858. Pages 749 to 794.

Bound in contemporary mid-Victorian red half-calf over pebbled black cloth covered boards, with simple gilt lettering and tooling to the spine, marbling to all edges of the text block, and marbled endpapers front and rear, the binding is generally firm, the leather is heavily rubbed and chipped, the hinges are worn and split or splitting, the boards mainly held by the cords and endpapers, the extremities are bumped, the cloth is quite marked and rubbed. The text block is lightly foxed, marked

and toned to varying degrees depending upon the quality of the paper, with minor chips and closed tears to the edges of some pages, also a few dog-eared corners. With good provenance, from the Sun Fire Office Library, stamped as such to the top of the first Act, and more recently from the archives of the RSA Insurance Group with their barcode strip to the left of the former. To the verso of the front endpaper is a manuscript Contents list, neatly written in ink, probably at the time of binding. An interesting collection evidently gathered together for reference purposes, spanning nearly two centuries of legislation from the 1666 Great Fire of London to the mid-Victorian period, covering most Acts of Parliament which significantly improved, or endeavoured so to do, the safety of buildings and prevention of fires, initially with a London focus, gradually expanding to include the whole country. The period running parallel to the developments in fire insurance companies, and the formation and consolidation of fire brigades, in whose interest it was to continuously lobby Parliament, reduce the risks, and increase the profits.

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34. **A Bound Collection, or Sammelband of British Acts of Parliament Relating to Stamp Duty on Insurance 1782 to 1833.**

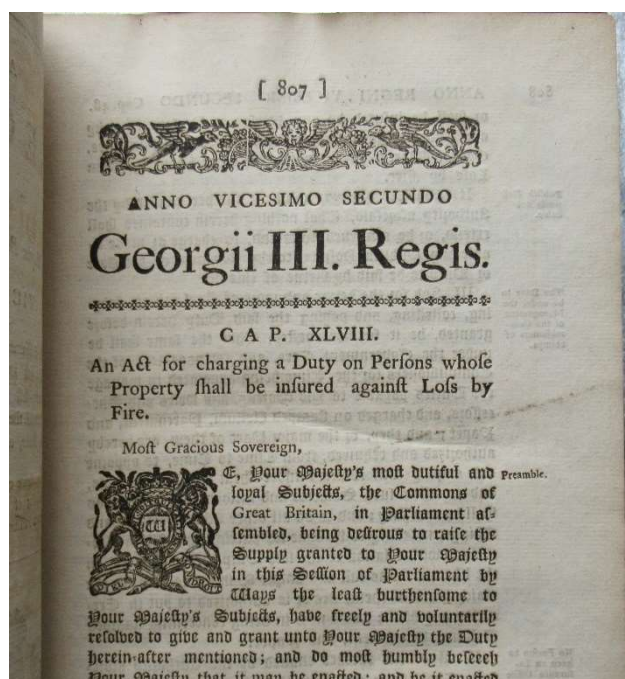
London: C. Eyre and the executors of W. Strahan, George Eyre and Andrew Strahan, et al, 1787 to 1833.

Consisting of 6 Acts, as follows:

1. Fire Insurance Duty Act 1782 AKA An Act for charging a Duty on Persons whose Property shall be insured against Loss by Fire. 1782 – Reprint. C. Eyre and the executors of W. Strahan, London, 1787. Title page & pages 807 to 820.
2. Stamps (No. 2) Act 1797 AKA An Act for granting to His Majesty certain Stamp Duties on the several matters therein mentioned, and for better securing the Duties on Certificates to be taken out by Solicitors, Attornies, and others, Practicing in certain Courts of Justice in Great Britain. 1797. First or early printing by George Eyre and Andrew Strahan, London, 1797. Title page & pages 1503 to 1522.
3. Stamp Act 1804 AKA An Act to repeal the several Duties under the Commissioners for managing the Duties upon stamped Vellum, Parchment, and Paper, in Great Britain, and to grant new and additional Duties in lieu thereof. 1804. First or early printing by George Eyre and Andrew Strahan, London, 1804. Pages 861 to 928.
4. Stamp Act 1815 AKA An Act for repealing the Stamp Duties on Deeds, Law Proceedings, and other written or printed Instruments, and the Duties on Fire Insurances, and on Legacies and Successions to Personal Estate upon Intestacies, now payable in Great Britain; and for granting other Duties in lieu thereof. 1815. First or early printing by George Eyre and Andrew Strahan, London, 1815. Pages 1529 to 1622.
5. Stamps (Ireland) Act 1815 AKA An Act to repeal the several Duties under the Care of the Commissioners for managing the Stamp Duties in Ireland, and to grant new Duties in lieu thereof. 1815. First or early printing by George Eyre and Andrew Strahan, London, 1815. Pages 681 to 724.
6. Stamps Act 1833 AKA An Act to reduce the Stamp Duties on Advertisements and on certain Sea Insurances; to repeal the Stamp Duties on Pamphlets, and on Receipts for Sums under Five Pounds; and to exempt Insurances on Farming Stock from Stamp Duties. 1833. First or early printing by George Eyre and Andrew Spottiswoode, London, 1833. Pages 257 to 263.

Bound in half-calf over marbled paper covered boards, with a red Morocco title label to the front board lettered and decorated in gilt, the binding is distressed and fragmenting, both boards entirely detached, much of the calf gone, and the boards heavily rubbed. The text block is age toned, foxed and marked to varying degrees, with minor chips, folded over sections and dog-eared page corners. Working copies from the Sun Fire Office, the 1804 act bearing their ownership inscription dated 1804, some of the Acts with underlining and annotations from the period, highlighting the impacts upon their business. Also, with the later ink stamp of the Sun Fire Office Library to the front endpaper, and more recently from the archives of the RSA Insurance Group with their barcode strip to the front pastedown. An interesting collection with excellent provenance, covering the period of the Napoleonic Wars and their aftermath, and the British Government's attempt to finance the conflict and subsequent debts.

£500

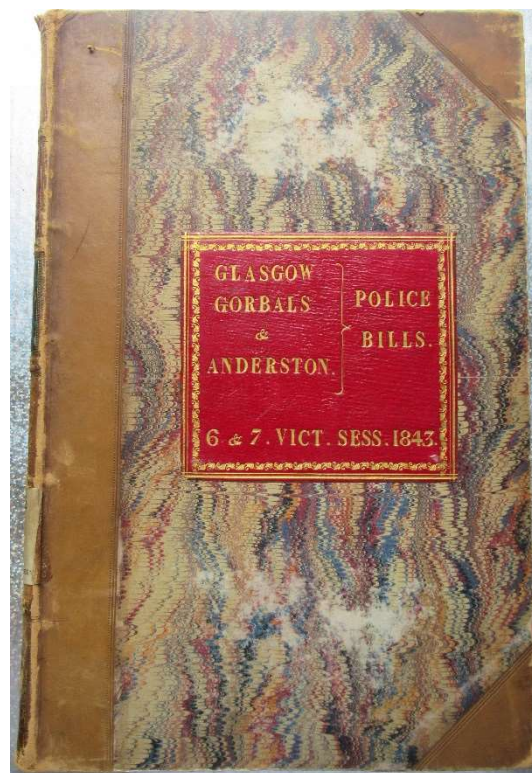


35. **A Bound Collection, or Sammelband of British Acts of Parliament Regarding Improvements to Scottish Policing in Glasgow, Gorbals and Anderston 1843.**

London and Glasgow: Archibald Grahame, Moncreiff & Weems, Parliamentary Agents, Archibald Livingstonet al, 1843.

Consisting of 3 Acts, as follows:

1. Police in Glasgow Act 1843 AKA An Act to Consolidate, Amend, and Extend the Provisions of several Acts for the better Paving, Watching, Lighting, and Cleansing, and for Regulating the Police of, The City of Glasgow, and adjoining Districts, and also for managing the Statute Labour of the said City; and for other purposes in relation thereto. 1843. Published by Deans, Dunlop, and Hope, London, and John Burnet, Glasgow. 1843. 7 pages of preliminaries, then 150 pages.
2. Gorbals Improvement Act 1843 AKA An Act For Regulating the Police, and Paving, Cleansing, and Lighting the Streets, of the Town or Barony of Gorbals, in the County of Lanark, and Grounds adjacent, and for other purposes relating thereto. 1843. Published by Archibald Grahame, Moncreiff & Weems, Parliamentary Agents, London and Archibald Livingston, Glasgow, 1843. 94 pages.
3. Anderston Improvement Act 1843 AKA An Act For the Improvement of the Burgh of Anderston, in the County of Lanark, for Regulating the Police thereof, and of certain Lands adjacent; and for other purposes relating thereto. 1843. Published by Deans, Dunlop, and Hope, London, William Aitchison, Anderston, and Lamond and Montieth, Glasgow, 1843. 4 pages of preliminaries, then 109 pages.

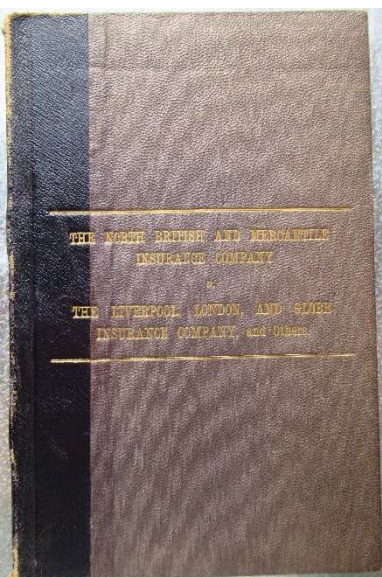


All three first or very early printings of the acts. Bound in fairly contemporary mid-nineteenth century brown half-calf, with title labels in red and black leather and gilt decoration to the spine, over marbled paper covered boards, with a large red Morocco title label lettered and decorated in gilt to the front board, matching marbling to all edges of the text block, and marbled endpapers front and rear. The binding is quite firm, the leather is rubbed, scuffed and chipped, the extremities are bumped, the marbled paper is chipped, rubbed, age toned and marked, there is a label for Bullens of Elstree to the spine. The text block is slightly foxed,

marked and toned, some pages more heavily marked than others, some passages have been highlighted. Originally the property of John Richards, Secretary of The Sun Fire Office, who was employed at the famous insurance company for 46 years until his retirement in 1860, with his ink ownership inscriptions dated 1843 to the front cover of each Act. Subsequently the property of the Sun Fire Office Library, with their ink stamp to the first blank, and more recently from the archives of the RSA Insurance Group with their barcode strip to the verso of the front endpaper. The last group of significant separate Policing Acts for Glasgow, Gorbals and Anderston, which took place between 1800 and 1843, prior to their amalgamation in 1846. They show an emphasis on lighting to reduce opportunity for crime after dark in the City, and a new emphasis on cleaning, this latter in response to the cholera outbreaks of the previous decade, and reacting to the Sanitary report of 1842. Of particular interest to John Richards of the Sun Fire Office would have been the clauses relating to the preventing and extinguishing of fires, which would have had an impact on risk and therefore insurance premiums, and these unsurprisingly are the passages which have been highlighted. An important collection, with excellent provenance.

£750

36. **Court of Appeal Shorthand Notes of The North British and Mercantile Insurance Company v. The Liverpool, London, and Globe Insurance Company, and Others 11th April, 1877.**



210 pages, seemingly privately printed. The book is bound in black quarter leather over brown cloth covered card, lettered and bordered in gilt to the front cover, both cloth and leather are marked and rubbed, with splits starting along the hinges at the spine ends. The text block is slightly toned, marked and foxed, with a few dog-eared page corners, some pencil highlighting of passages and a couple of short notes in the margins. From the archives of the RSA Insurance Group with their recent barcode strip to the front pastedown, around which are a couple of earlier reference codes written in pencil. Shorthand notes from an appeal regarding a dispute over a catastrophic fire at a wharfinger's who housed the grain of several merchants, with multiple insurance agencies covering the risk, and a dispute over who should be liable. Unsurprisingly rare in both commerce and institutional holdings, with no obviously locatable copies worldwide.

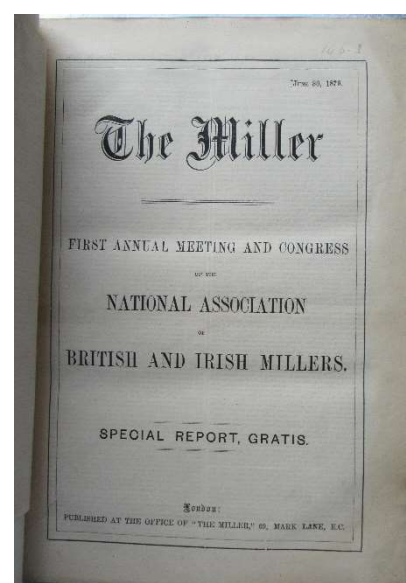
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37. **A Bound Collection of The Miller and The Corn Trade Journal and Miller's Gazette 1879 to 1882 Plus Additional Manuscript Letters and Reports Relating to Mill Insurance and Fire and Explosion Risks.**

London, 1879 to 1882.

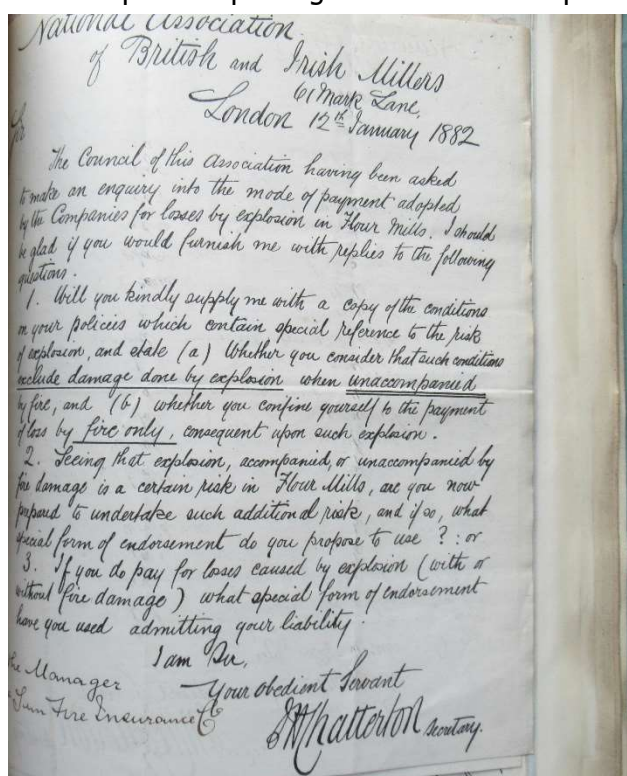
A bound collection put together by an Agent of the Sun Fire Office, possibly based in Burnley, in 1882. Consisting approximately of: 9 issues or part issues of The Miller from 1879 to 1882, some separate, some from bound sets, 7 issues of The Corn Trade Journal and Miller's Gazette, all of which appear to be from 1879, 5 folding supplements which came with the journals, some in colour, 7 cuttings or ephemeral items, with annotations 2 manuscript documents, or translations of articles regarding fires and explosions in corn mills, an 8-page printed 1882

"Report Respecting Fatal Flour Mill Explosion at Macclesfield", and 8 manuscript



letters or copy letters, regarding the possibilities of taking on the risk of insuring flour mills, and how the disasters might be managed or prevented, including copies of letters from Norwich Union to the Sun Fire Office asking them for advice regarding taking on such risks, and a letter from the Secretary of the National Association of British and Irish Millers to the sun Fire Office regarding the differentiation between fires and fires caused by explosions in mills.

Bound in contemporary late-Victorian brown half leather, simply lettered and decorated in gilt to the spine, over marbled paper covered boards, with speckling to all edges of the text block and greenish blue endpapers front and rear. The leather is heavily rubbed and beginning to split at the joins, the paper is rubbed, marked and chipped, there is a label for Bullens of Elstree to the spine. The text block is slightly marked and age toned to varying degrees depending upon the quality of paper, the 8-page parliamentary report is quite browned and brittle, and there are small closed tears and chips to other edges. The issues of the journals have passages highlighted regarding both fires,



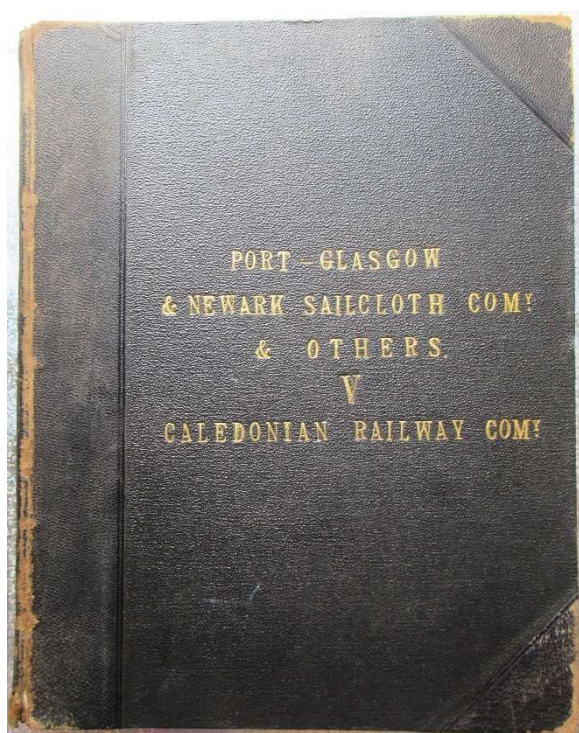
explosions and insurance. With good provenance, from the Sun Fire Office Library, with their ink stamp to the front endpaper, and more recently from the archives of the RSA Insurance Group with their barcode strip to the front pastedown.

Devastating explosions in corn and flour mills were fairly common during the period of industrialisation, ventilation was poor, potential sources of ignition plentiful, the dust clouds highly combustible, and casualties among workers were high. This is an interesting late Victorian collection, from the high-tariff period of mill insurance, when the insurers of Britain collaborated to protect themselves against correspondingly huge losses, which the millers complained about bitterly. Showing the insurers gathering evidence and data on developments and disasters in British mills, and also relevant reports from German and American sources. A combination of pressure from insurers and legislation from parliament gradually brought about improvements in safety measures, and decreased the insurance premiums.

£680

38. The Port-Glasgow and Newark Sailcloth Company V. The Caledonian Railway Company, The Appellants Case and Appendix to the Same.

Edinburgh: R. & R. Clark, 1891.



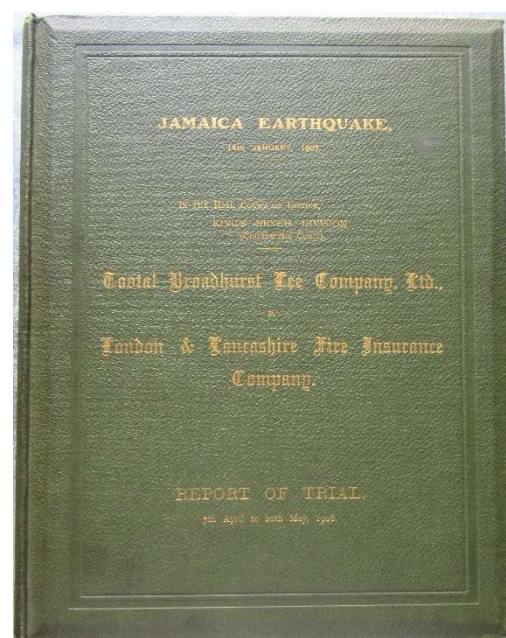
A small folio. 21 pages and 4 then 215 pages + a large folding diagram and an even larger folding plan and elevation of the Railway, both with some colour, and a final unnumbered page giving details of the trial and the Appellants' Agents. Bound in late Victorian black half-leather over pebbled black cloth covered boards, lettered in gilt to the front board and spine. The leather is rubbed, chipped and splitting at the hinges, with bumped corners, the cloth is slightly marked and rubbed. The text block remains quite firm, it is slightly toned and marked, with minor spots of foxing. The folding diagram and plan are in good order. To the rear endpaper is the stamp of the bookbinder J. R. Wigzell. From the archives of the RSA Insurance Group with their barcode strip to the front endpaper. A landmark case between the owners of a flax store and a railway, regarding whether a spark from the train caused a major fire in the former, and whether because the store was insured they had a right to sue the railway for damages. Something of a rarity, there is only one obviously locatable copy in institutional holdings.

£380

39. Jamaica Earthquake, 14th January 1907. In The High Court of Justice, King's Bench Division (Commercial Court). Tootal Broadhurst Lee Company, Ltd., v. London & Lancashire Fire Insurance Company. Report of Trial. 7th April to 20th May, 1908.

Privately printed. 145 pages. Approximately 22 by 28cm. The book is firmly bound in dark green pebbled cloth over bevelled boards, lettered and decorated in gilt and blind, the cloth is slightly marked and rubbed and the extremities are bumped. The text block is slightly marked and age toned, with occasional faint spots of foxing. A landmark trial in the wake of a major earthquake, regarding whether buildings destroyed subsequently by fire should be covered by insurance. The policies specifically excluded damage caused by earthquakes, but the plaintiffs made the case that the fire had begun in another building prior to the earthquake and had only been subsequently spread by the quake, so should be covered. The jury found in favour of the defendants, i.e. the insurance companies. A rare book, with only 2 or 3 copies in institutional holdings (one of which may be a different version).

£250



40. **Walford, Cornelius. The Insurance Cyclopaedia.**

London: Charles and Edwin Layton, 1871 to 1878.

First editions. 5 volumes, representing all that were completed before Walford's death. Comprising: Vol 1: 8 pages of preliminaries, then 632 pages; vol 2: 640 pages; vol 3: 663 pages; vol 4: 616 pages; and vol 5: 644 pages. The books are bound in dark blue half-calf, with gilt decoration and gilt-lettered red and black title labels to the spines, over dark blue pebbled cloth covered boards, with brownish red speckling to all edges of the text blocks and brown endpapers front and rear, the bindings probably dating from the late-19th or early 20th century. The leather is slightly rubbed and marked, the upper hinge of volume 1 is beginning to split at the top, and the extremities are slightly bumped, the cloth is lightly marked and rubbed. The text blocks are slightly toned, marked and foxed, with slight damage to some page edges, a few passages highlighted in pencil and at least one pencil annotation in the margins. From the

archives of the RSA Insurance Group with their barcode strip to the front endpaper of each volume. Walford's highly ambitious alphabetically arranged guide to all matters relating to insurance, historically and up to the then present, which failed to be completed during his lifetime due to the overwhelming scope and ever-changing landscape, as he endeavoured to cover global as well as local issues, and was hindered by the vast developments in life assurance and accident insurance during the nineteenth century. His entries on Death are a case in point, guides of a century earlier by recognised authorities such as John Weskett, had no specific entry on the subject, whereas Walford's fill 47 pages. Great Fires are similar, Walford provides statistical and anecdotal details about fires worldwide from 1897 BC to 1876 AD, filling 88 pages. Great Frosts naturally also receive their due, though only occupying 5 pages. An incomplete posthumous volume 6 was published, though most people acquiring sets, as with this one, seem to have regarded the fifth as being the full-stop to Walford's project proper. It is quite rare in commerce and this is a handsomely bound set.

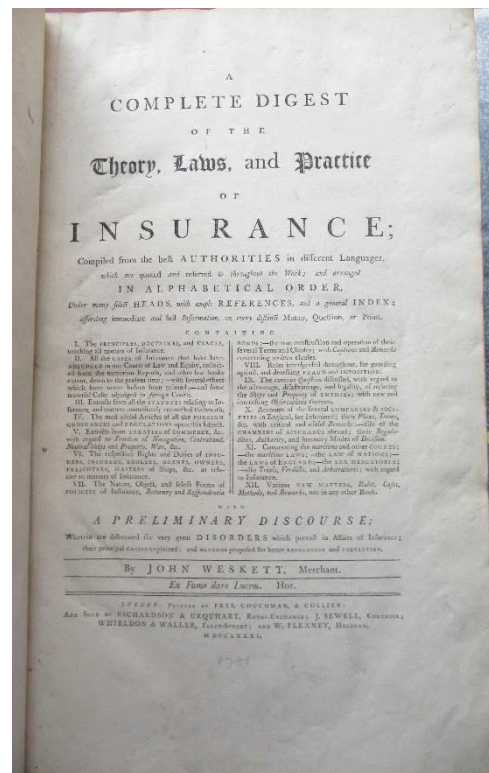
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41. **Weskett, John. A Complete Digest of the Theory, Laws, and Practice of Insurance.**

London: Richardson & Urquhart et al, 1781.

First edition. Folio. Title page, Dedication and Preface, 84 pages of Preliminaries, then 612 pages and 4 of Index. The book is quite firmly bound in contemporary late-18th century half-calf over marbled paper covered boards, with raised bands, simple gilt decoration, and a red leather gilt-lettered and decorated title label to the spine, all edges of the text block are speckled. The binding is in a distressed state, both hinges split, though the cords are still holding the boards in place, the corners heavily bumped, the majority of the leather gone, the remaining leather around the spine chipped and rubbed, and the marbled paper rubbed, stained, chipped and worn, with a few gouges. The text block is slightly toned and marked, with minor damage to some page edges, perhaps twenty dog-eared page

corners and occasional faint spots of foxing, what seems to be the front endpaper is detached and has been somewhat chewed up, torn and creased by the action of the front board, though there is another blank before the title page which has fared better. From the archives



of the RSA Insurance Group with their barcode strip to the front pastedown, and with an earlier ownership inscription dated 1925 to the loose front endpaper. An alphabetically arranged guide, focused chiefly on marine insurance, though covering all aspects, including sections on piracy, smuggling and slavery. The latter handled briefly and dispassionately, the main entry filling less space than that devoted to the subject of the ship's anchor, though also referred to under other headings, including Commodity and Goods. Though plentifully represented in institutional holdings, the first edition is rare in commerce.

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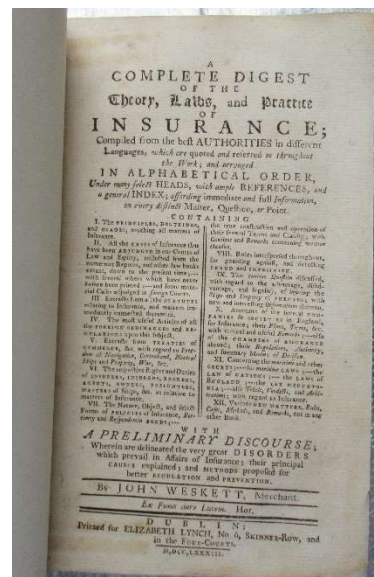
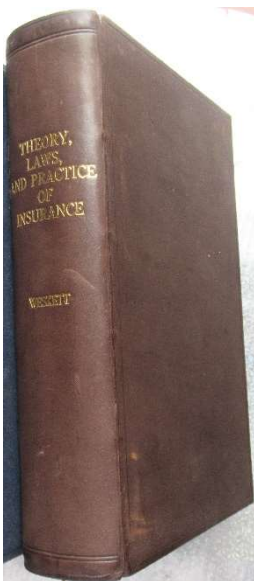
42. Weskett, John. A Complete Digest of the Theory, Laws, and Practice of Insurance.

Dublin: Elizabeth Lynch, 1783.

First Dublin edition. Octavo. Title page, Dedication and Preface, 84 pages of

Preliminaries, then 612 pages and 4 of Index. The book is firmly bound in recent, probably late-twentieth century, dark brown calf, lettered and simply decorated in gilt and blind, the leather is slightly rubbed and marked. The text block is slightly foxed, marked and age toned, to varying degrees, with numerous dog-eared page corners, minor damage to some page edges, and a larger chip to the fore-edge of PP7, without loss of text. From the archives of the RSA Insurance Group with their barcode strip to the front pastedown. An alphabetically arranged guide, focused chiefly on marine insurance, though covering all aspects, including sections on piracy, smuggling and slavery. The latter handled briefly and dispassionately, the main entry filling less space than that devoted to the subject of the ship's anchor, though also referred to under other headings, including Commodity and Goods.

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