



Traces of Reigate's Parliamentary History in the
Cranston Library
Hilary Ely
The Cranston Lecture
23rd October 2023

Reigate Old Town Hall c. 1728

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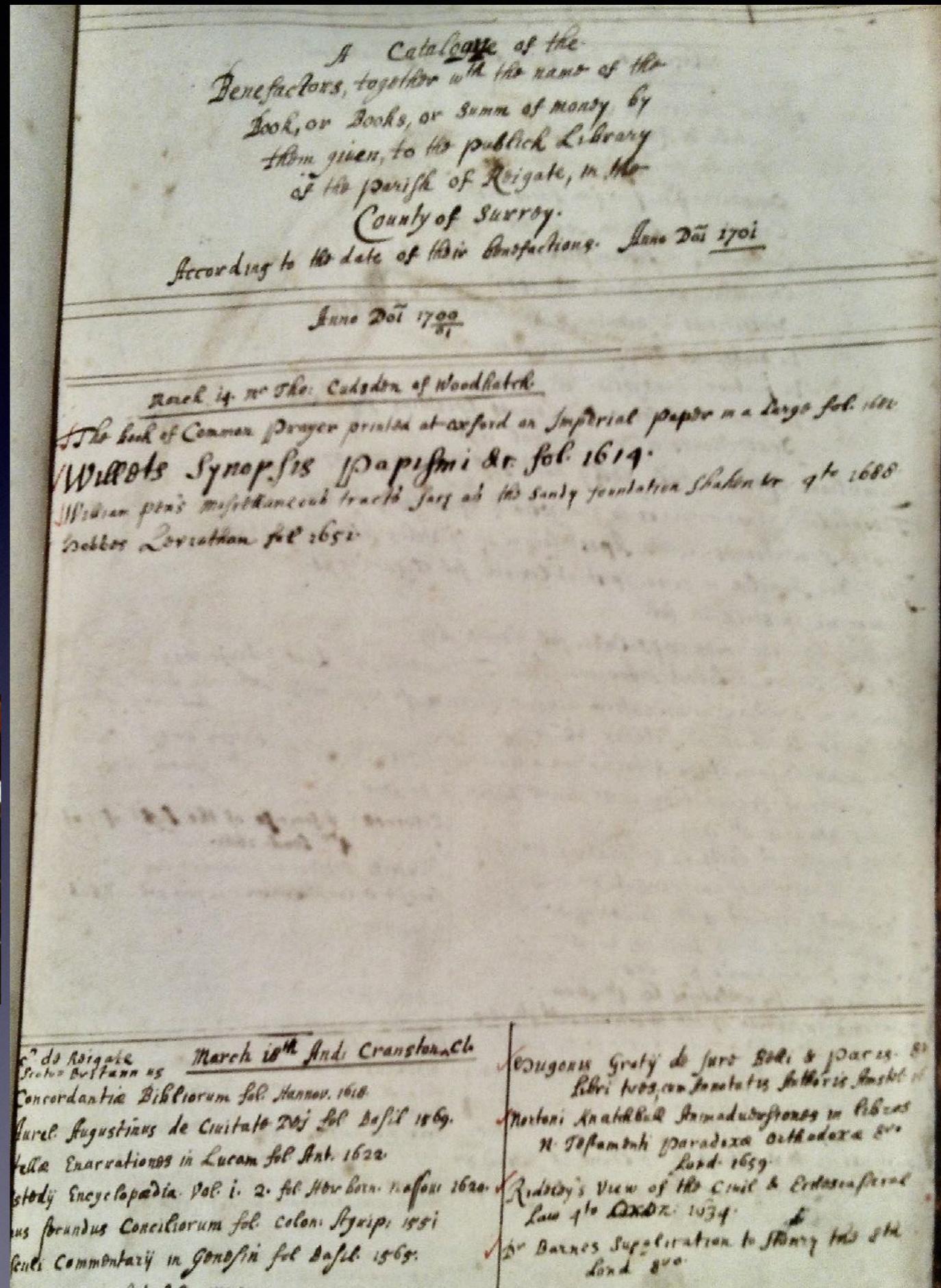
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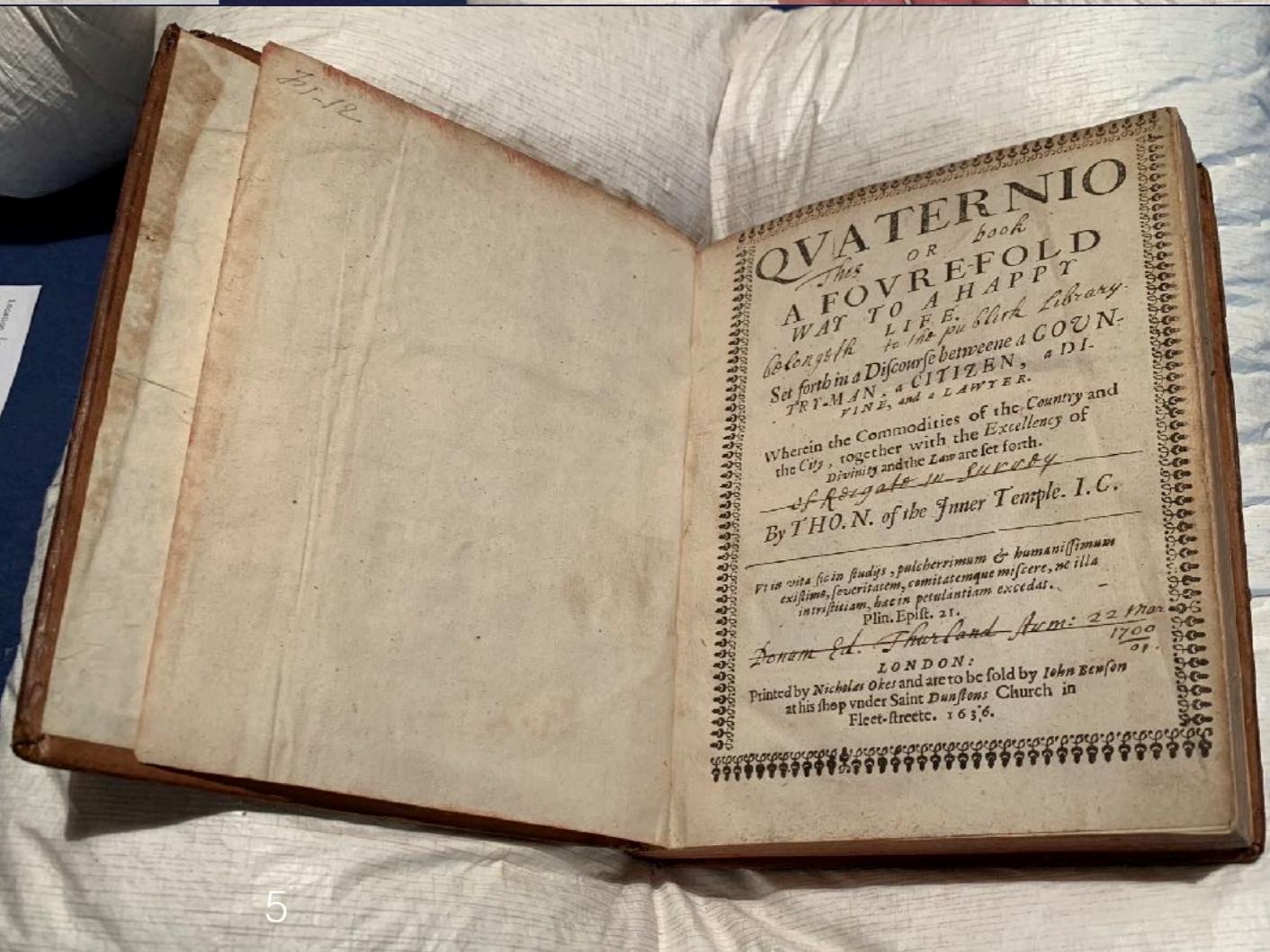
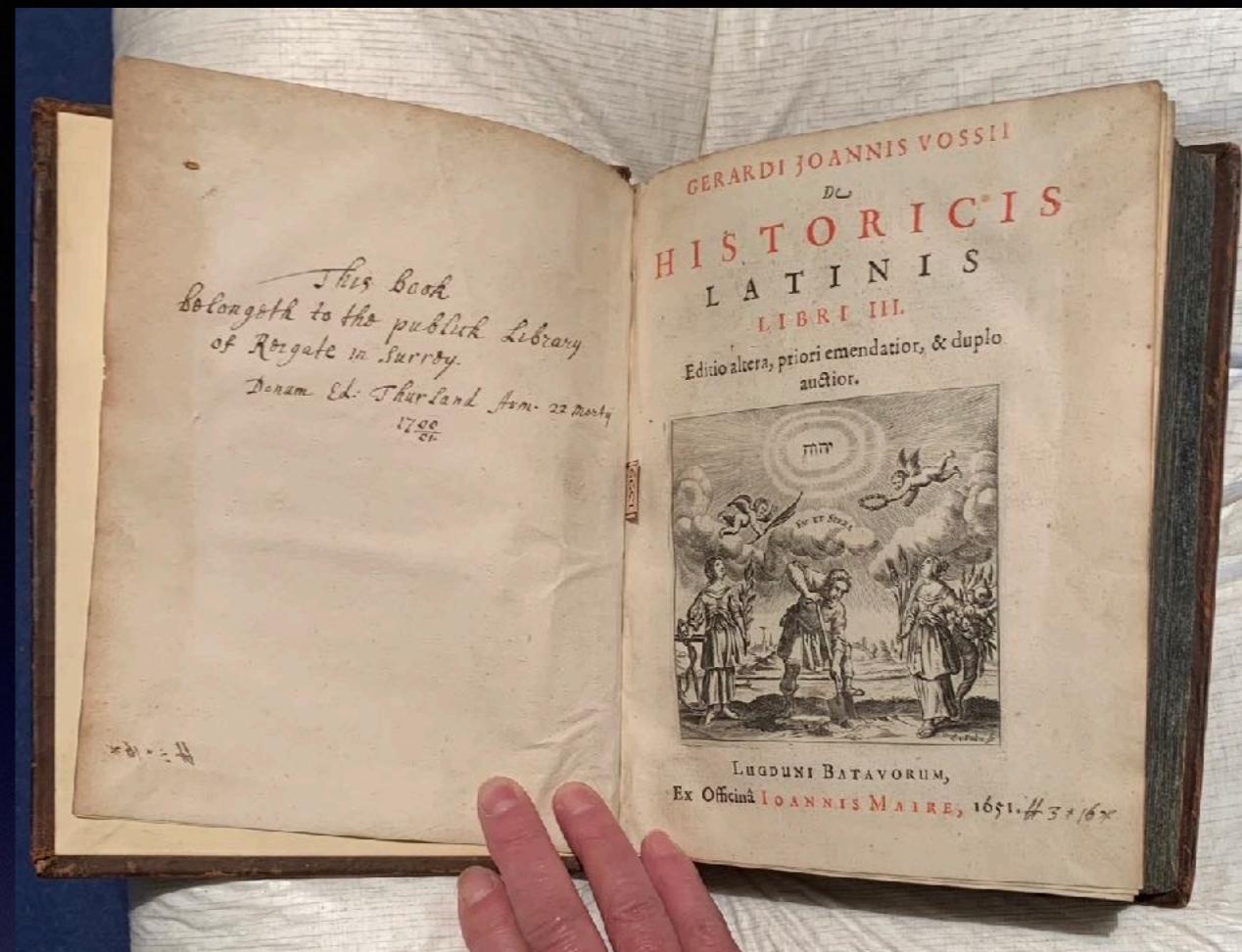
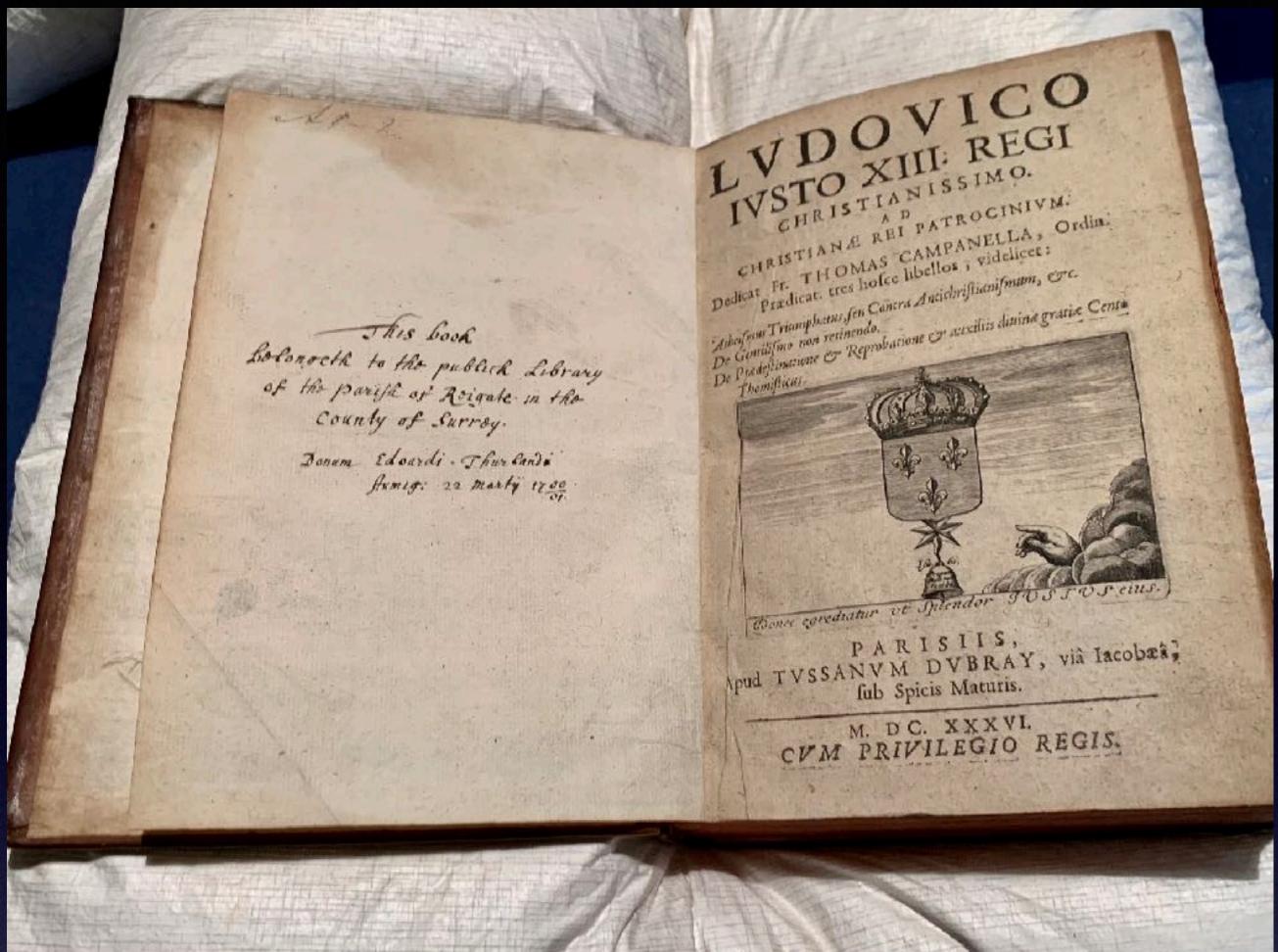
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Sir Joseph Jekyll

The opening page of the Register of Benefactors of Reigate Publick Library, March 14th 1701, and the Revd. Andrew Cranston's initials and motto on the library door





Examples of books given by
Edward Thurland Jr, on 22nd
March 1701.

Benefactors to the Library Anno 1702

May 4th

Sir Richard Onslow of West-Clandon in the
County of Surry Knight & Bart.

✓ Rushworths Historical Collections beginning the 26th year of King James
1618 and Ending the 5th year of King Charles Anno 1629 fol Vol 1st

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✓ Historical Collections the 3^d part in two Volumens fol. Lond 1692.

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✓ Historical Collections the 4th & last part in two Volumens fol. Vol 1st Lond.

✓ Historical Collections the 4th & last part Vol. the 2^d. fol. Lond 1701.

The Trial of Thomas Earl of Strafford by John Rushworth Lond

Nelsons Impartiall Collection of the great affairs of state
and Civil from the beginning of the Scotch Rebellion to the
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Stephen Hervey Esqr Member of Parliament for the Borough
of Reigate. of Betchworth

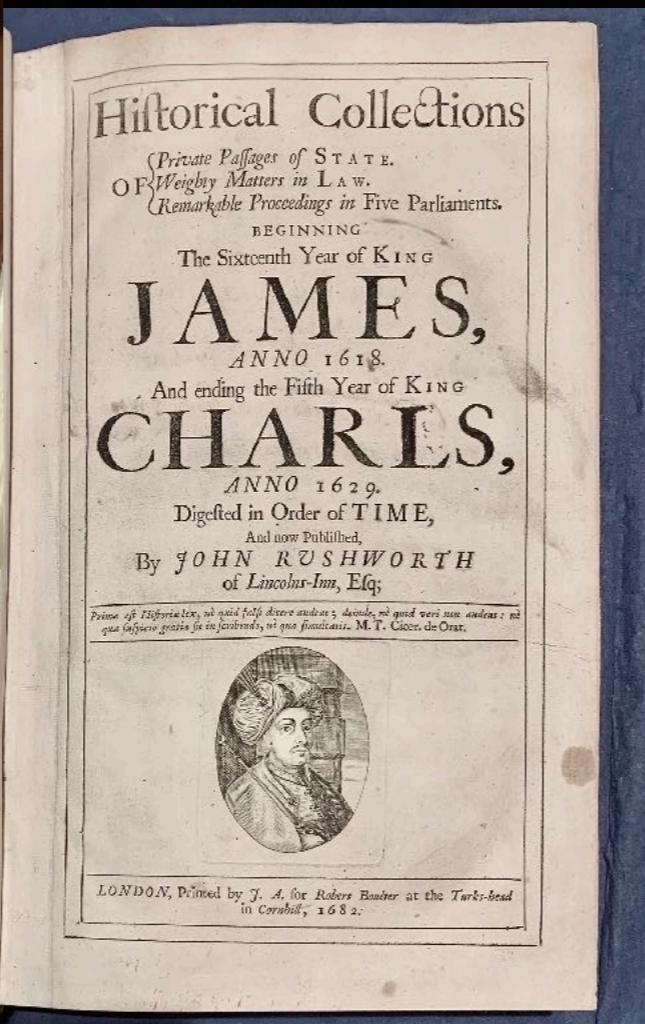
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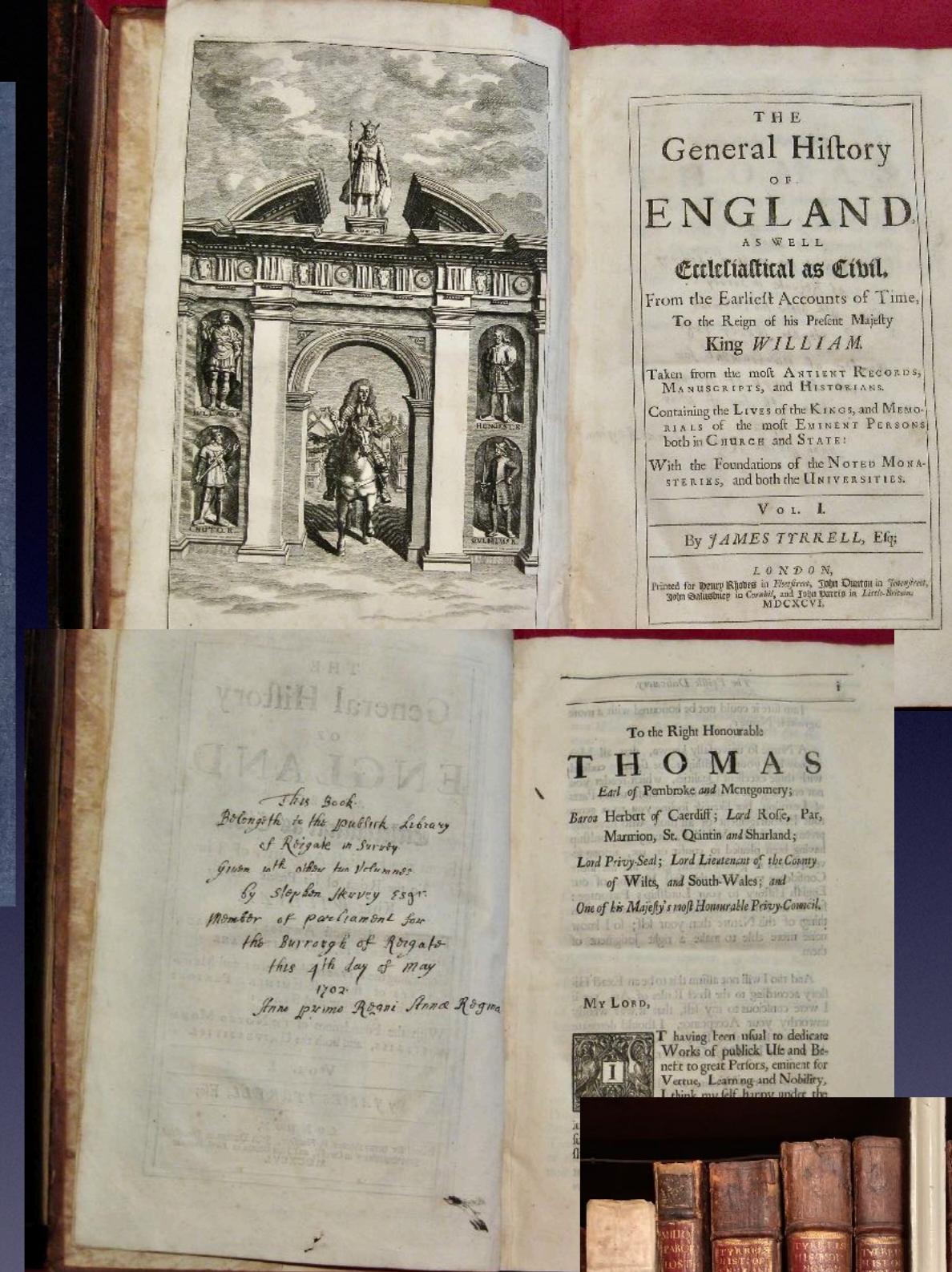
The page in the Register of
Benefactors for May 4th
1702, with records of gifts by
Sir Richard Onslow Bart. and
Stephen Hervey Esqr.
M.P. for Reigate



“The 4th day of
May 1702
Anno primo
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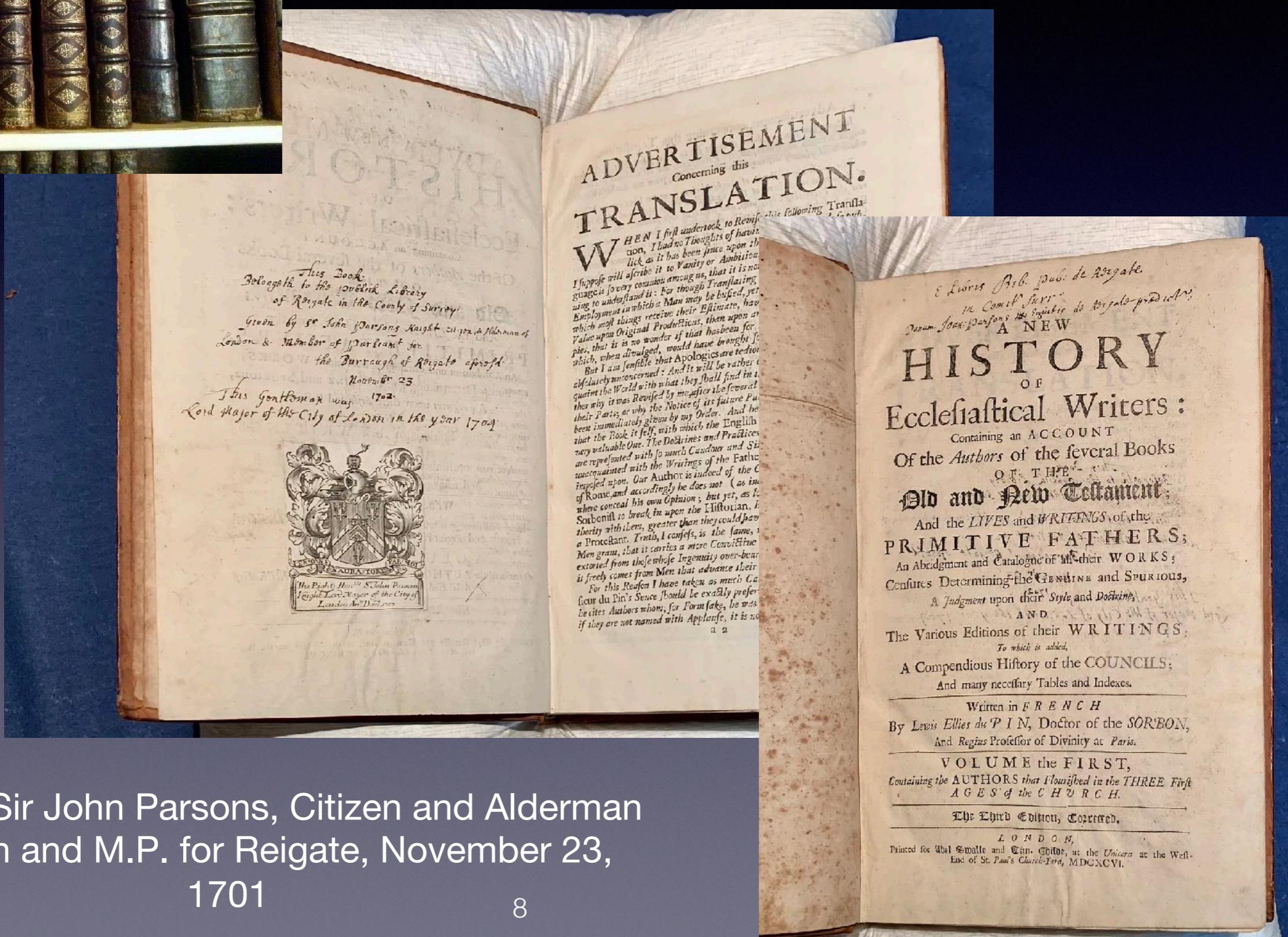
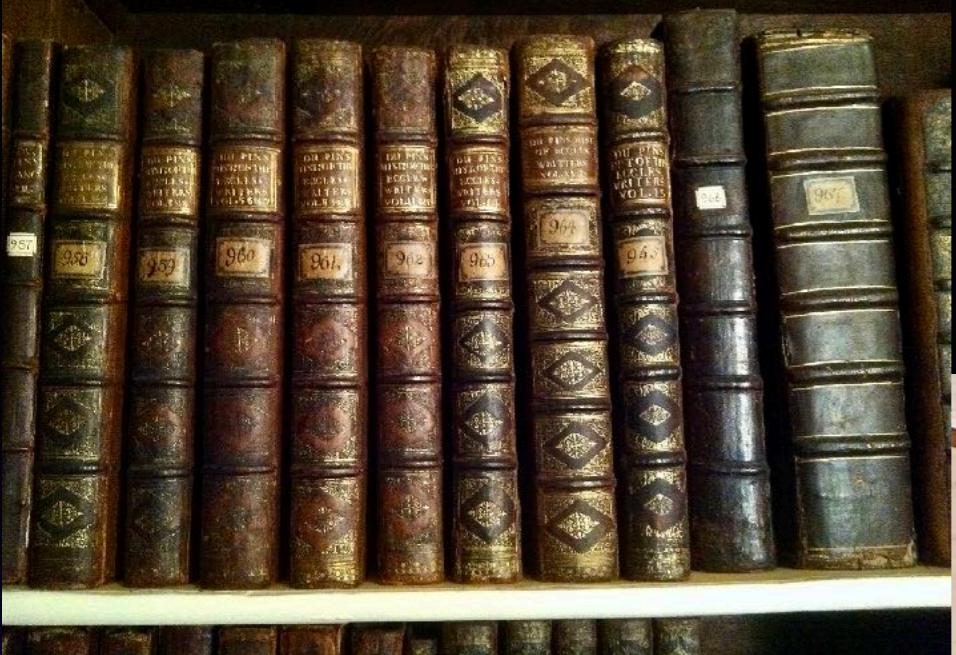
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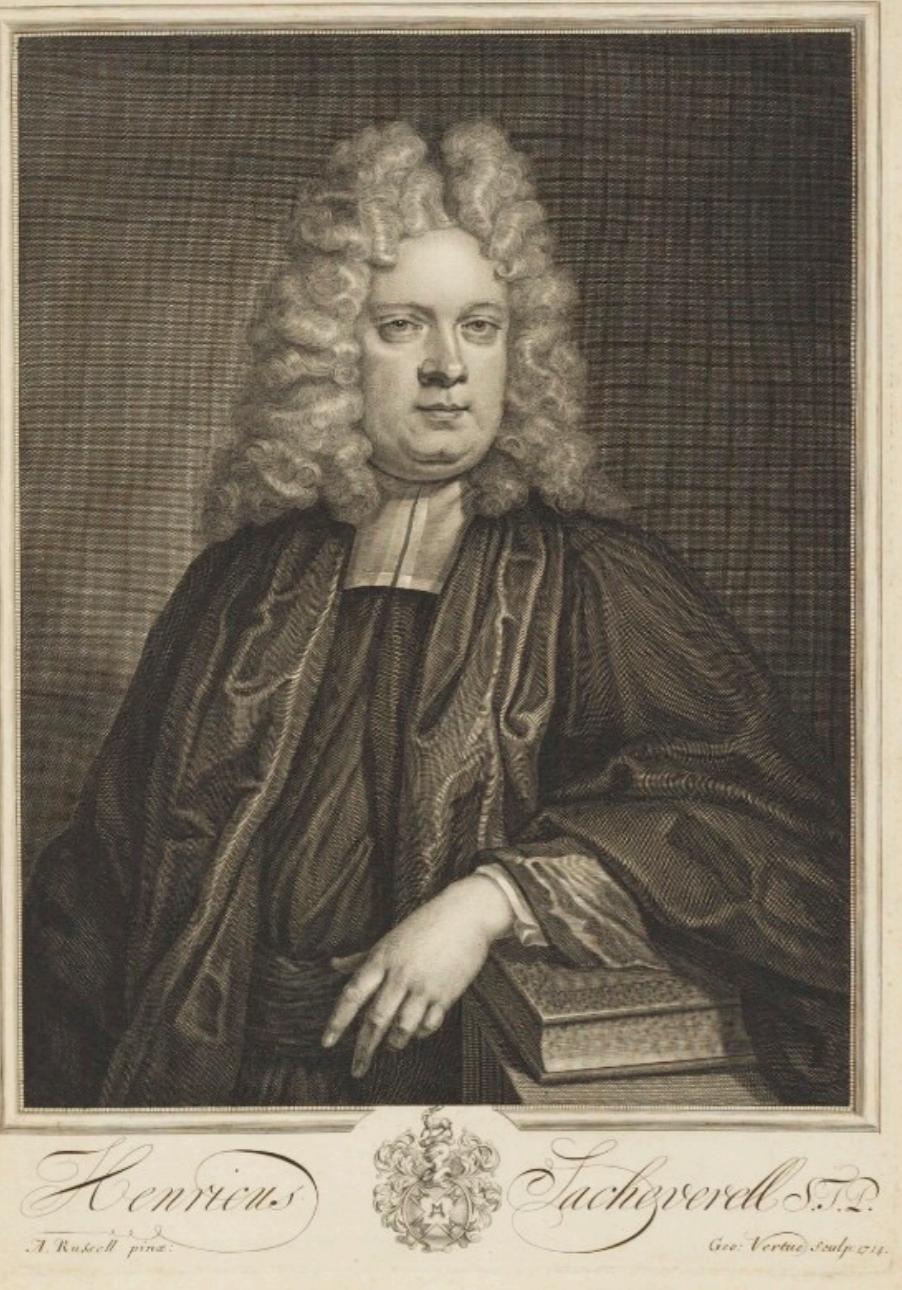
CR64-6 James Tyrrell, *The General History of England* ... (1696-1700). The gift of Stephen Hervey Esqr. MP for Reigate



CR958-962 Louis du Pin, *A New History of Ecclesiastical Writers* (1696-), 5 Vols.



The gift of Sir John Parsons, Citizen and Alderman
of London and M.P. for Reigate, November 23,



CR1259 *The Trial of Dr Henry Sacheverell ... upon an Impeachment ... (1710)*
Given by the 3rd Earl of Shaftesbury in 1711

IN Pursuance of an Order of the House of PEERS, of the Twenty Third Day of March 1710, I do Appoint Jacob Tonson to Print the Tryal of Doctor Henry Sacheverell, and do Forbid any other Person to Print the same.

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THE
TRYAL
OF
Dr. Henry Sacheverell,
BEFORE THE
HOUSE of PEERS,
FOR
High Crimes and Misdemeanors;
UPON AN
IMPEACHMENT

BY THE

Knights, Citizens and Burgesses in Parliament Assembled, in the Name of themselves, and of all the Commons of Great Britain: Begun in Westminster-Hall the 27th Day of February, 1710; and from thence continu'd by several Adjournments until the 23d Day of March following.

Published by Order of the House of PEERS.

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Printed for Jacob Tonson, at Grays-Inn Gate in Grays-Inn-Lane.
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Orthodoxè, perspicuè, ac solide
explanantur, illustrantur, confirmantur ;
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correctius quam antè, una cum generalibus
Indicibus edita. QUIBUS
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Typis Samuelis Bridge, prope Excambium Regale,
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CR725 George Bull, *Opera Omnia* (1700), given
in 1717 by John Ward Esq. of Hackney (MP for
Reigate 1710-1713)

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This Book
Belongs to the publick Library of
Reigate in the County of Surrey
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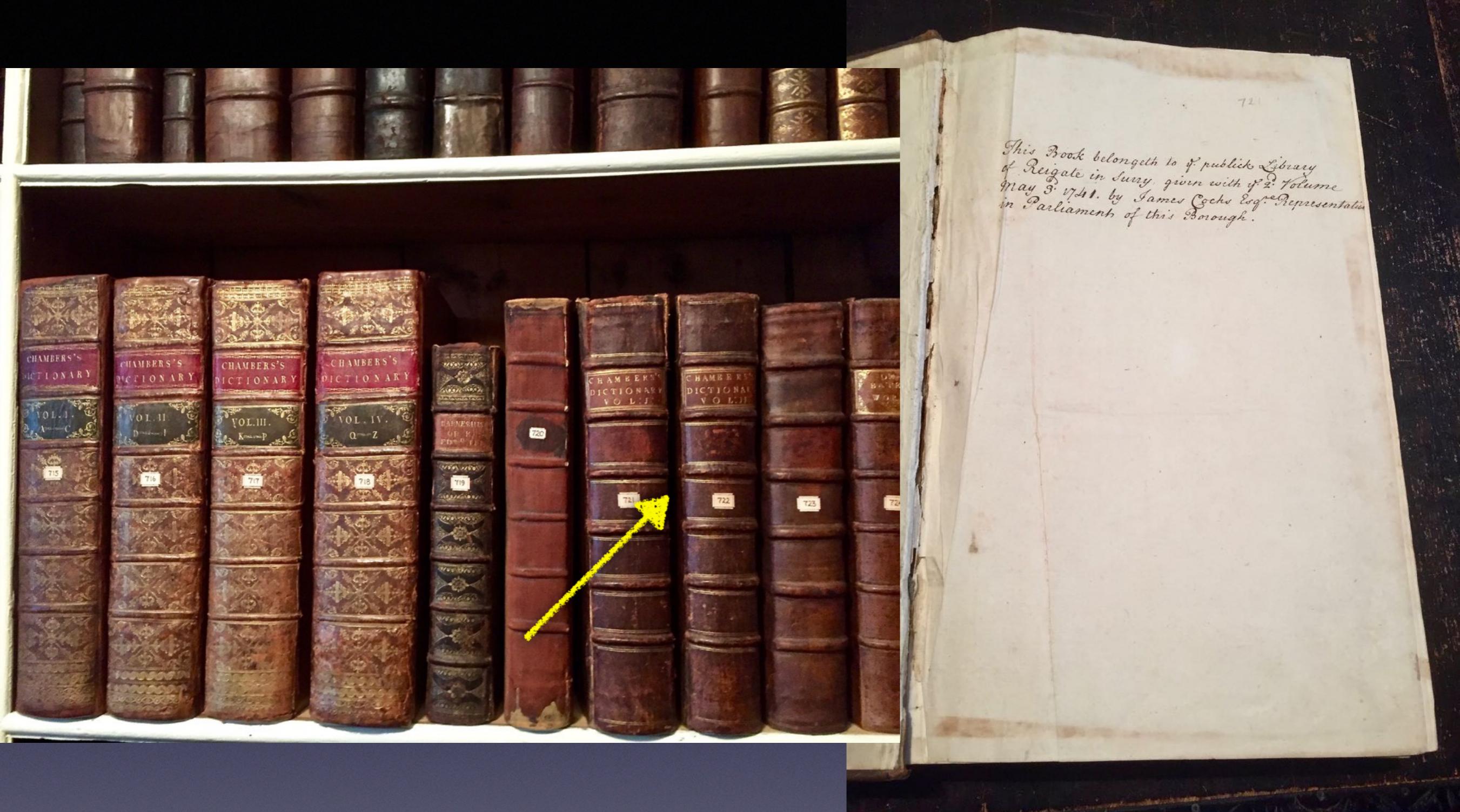
Philip Yorke 1st Earl of Hardwicke, and Margaret Yorke,
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The House of Commons in 1793, by K. A. Hickel

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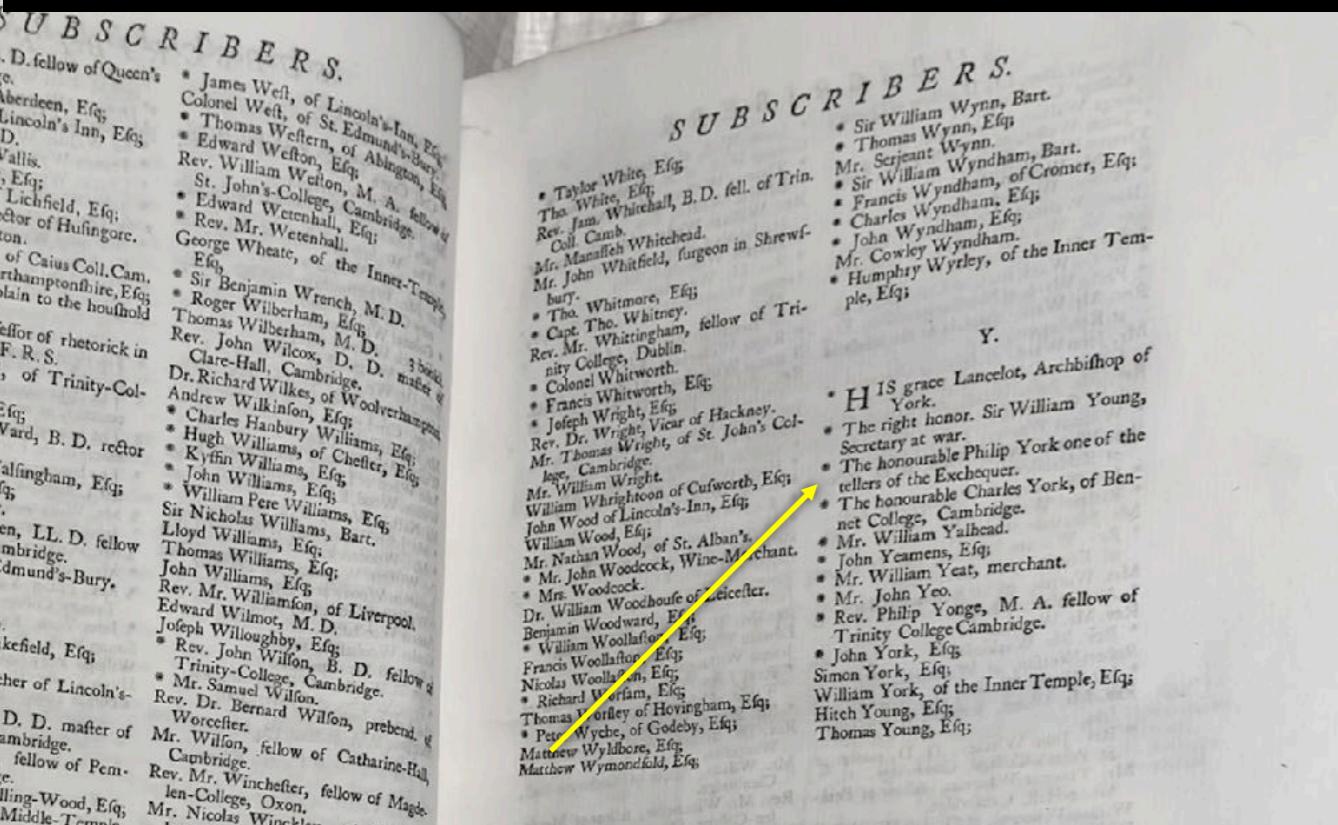
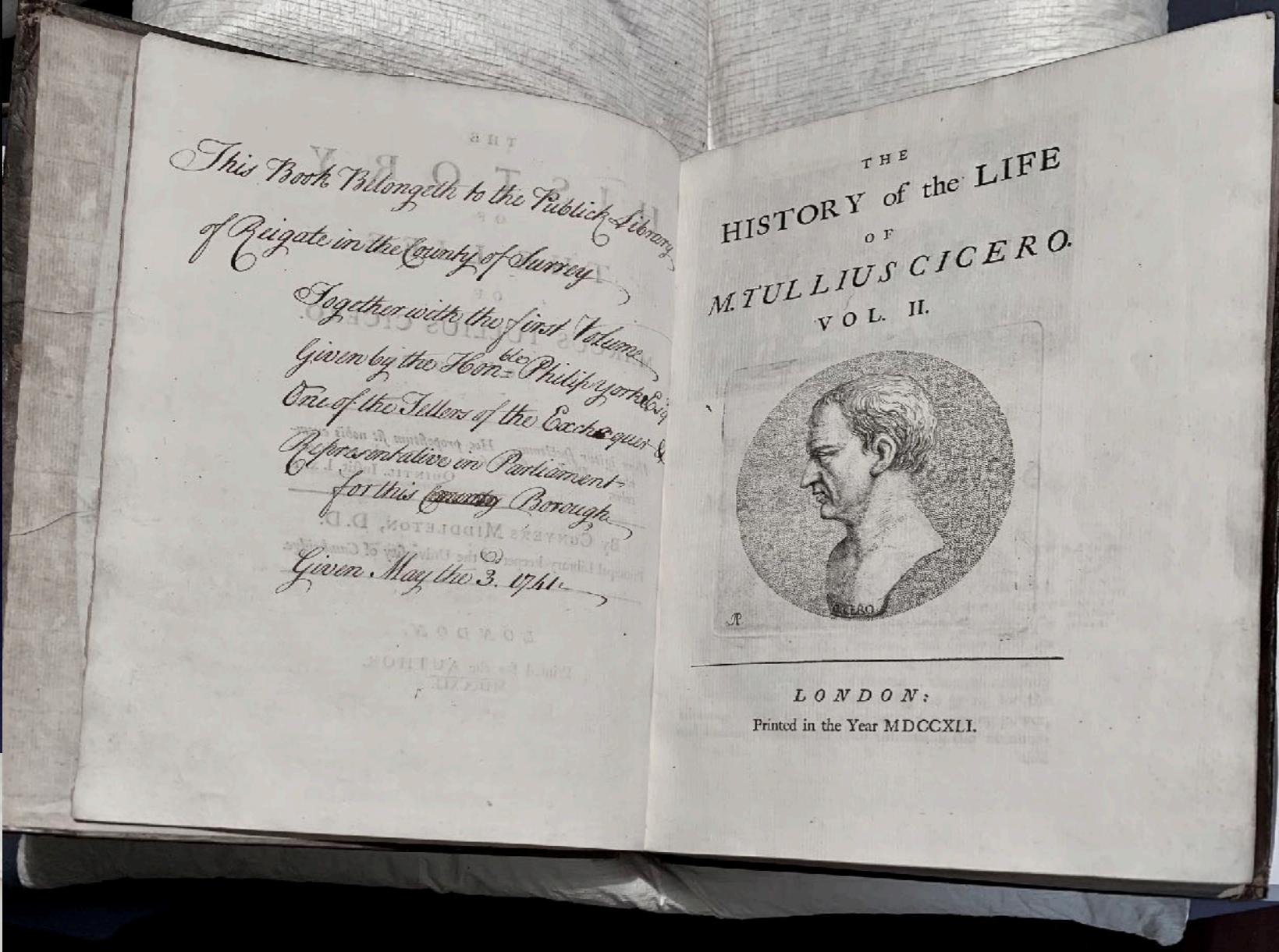
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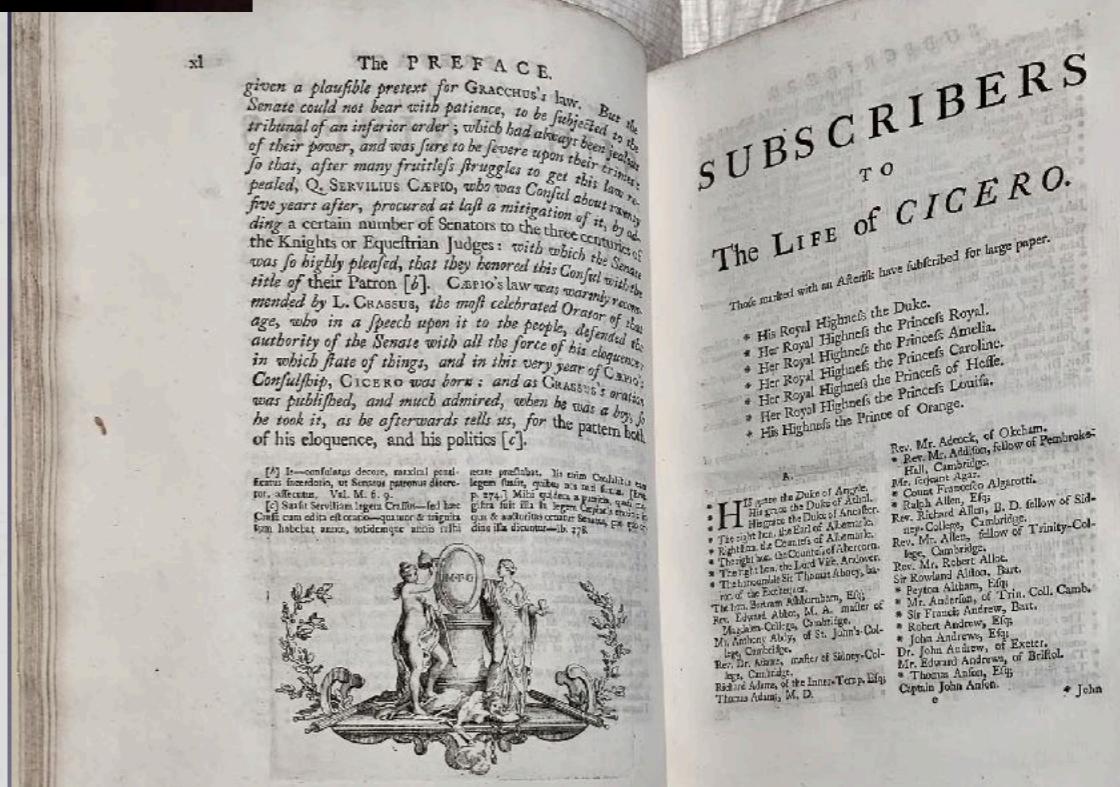
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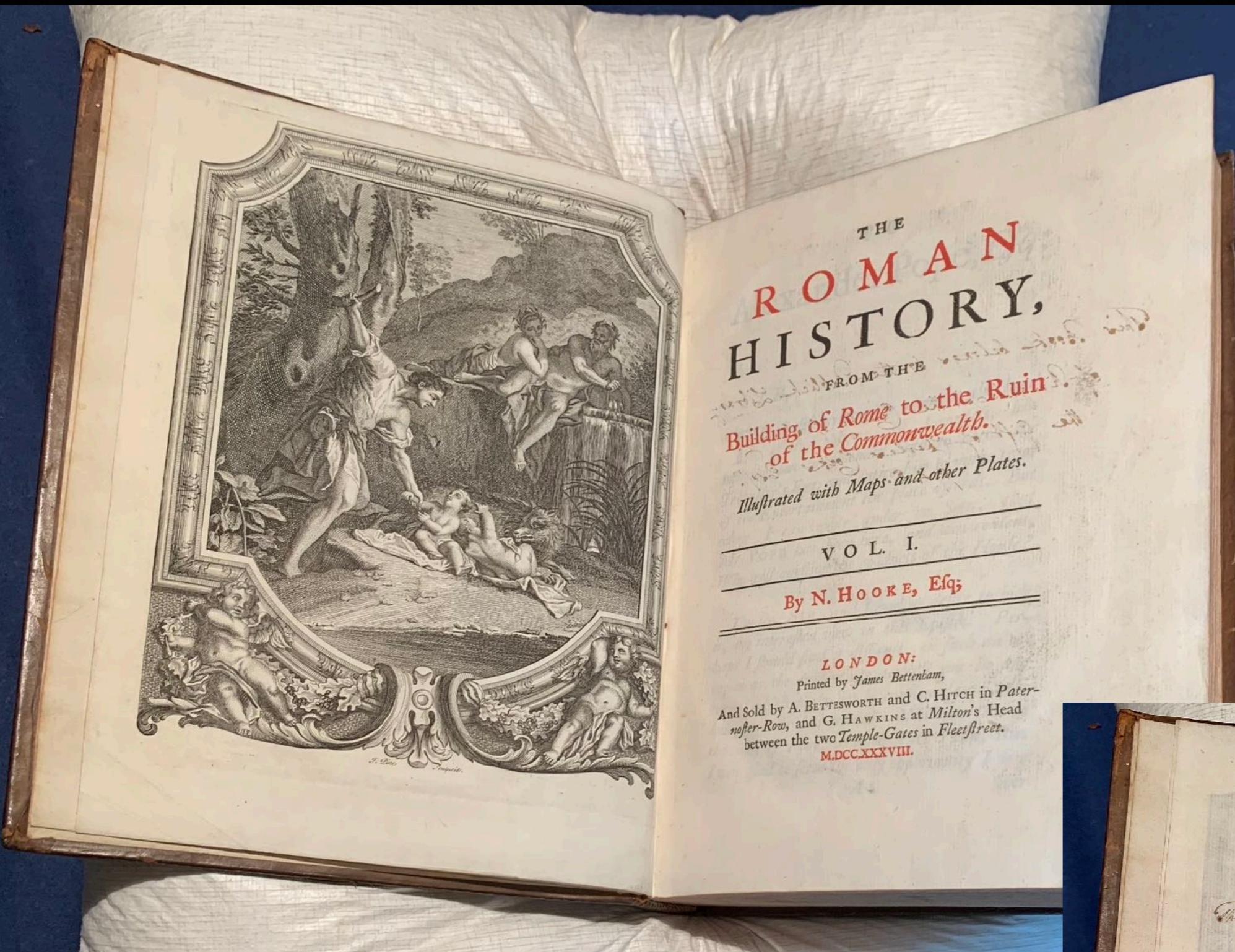
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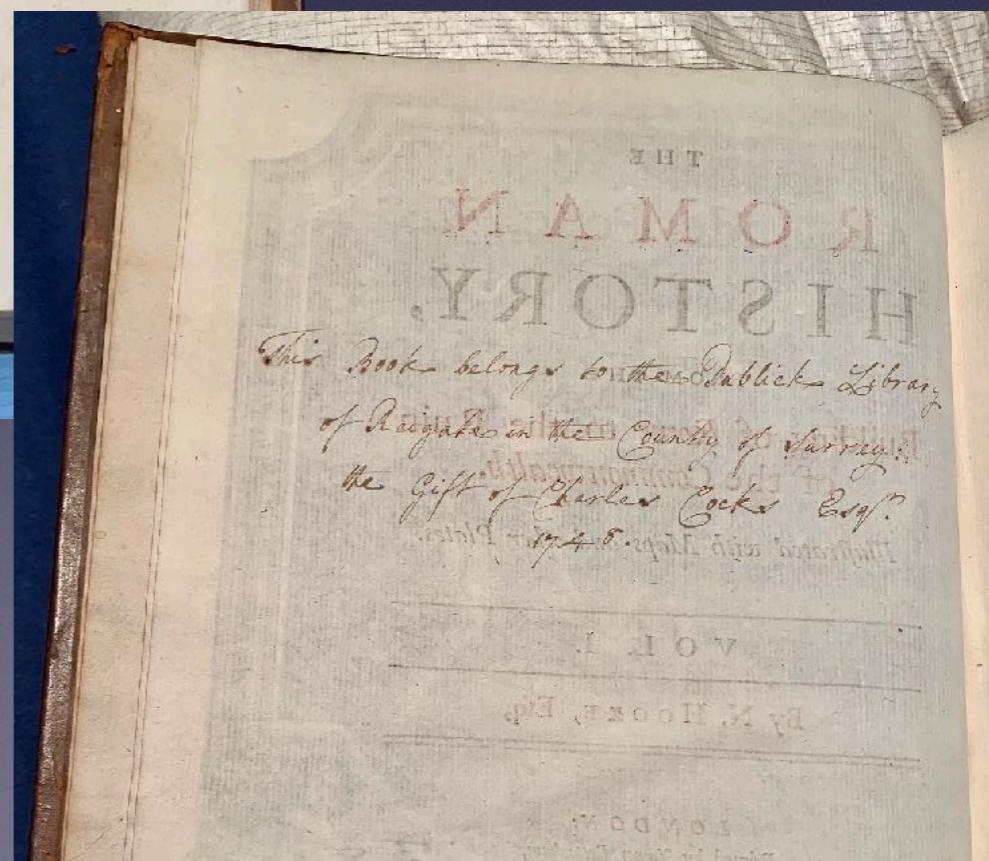


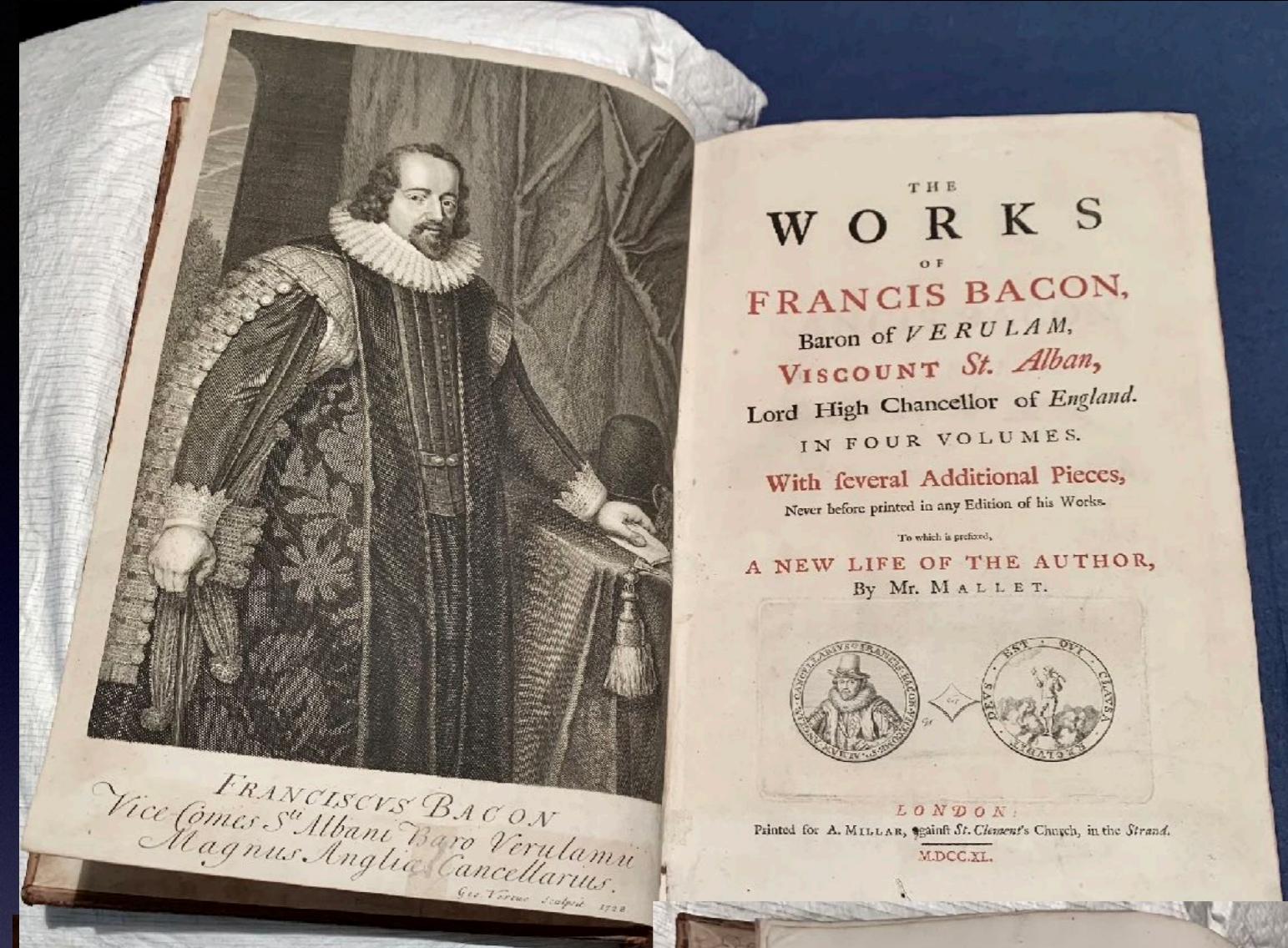
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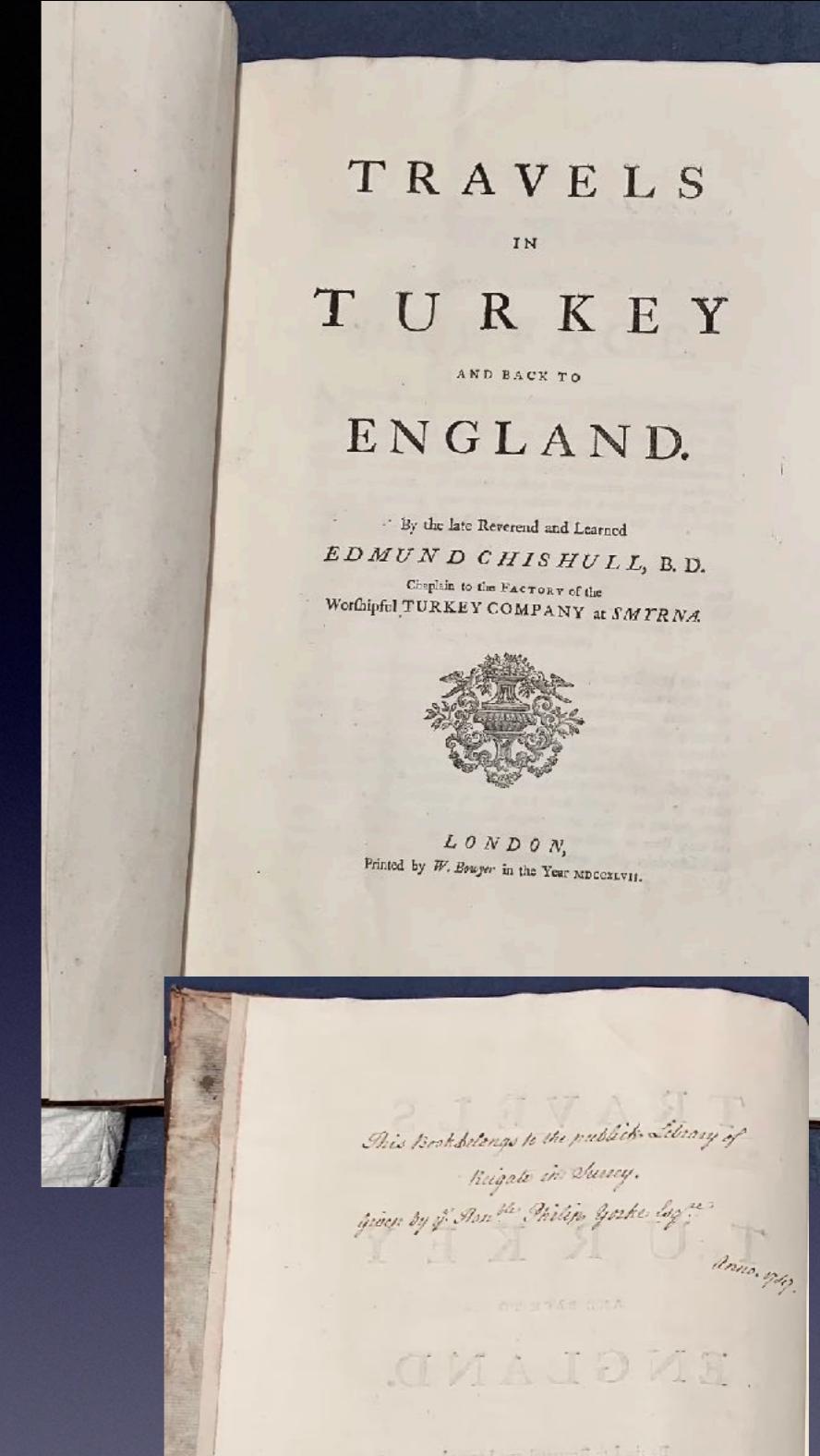


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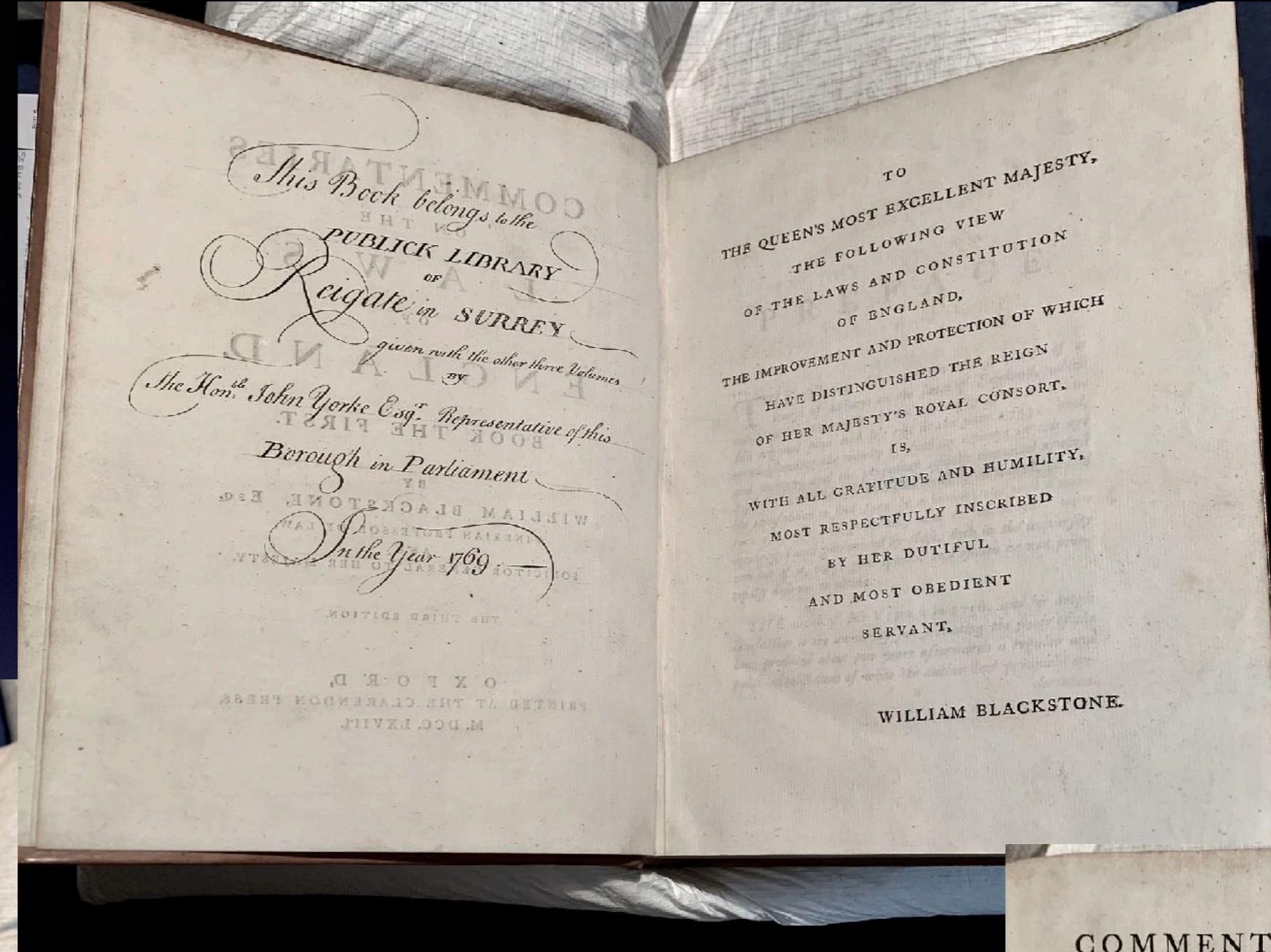




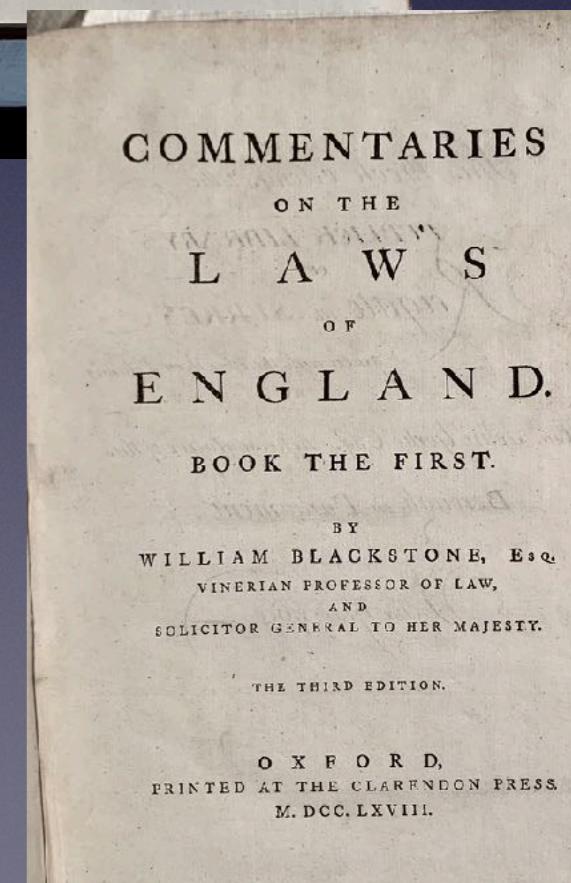
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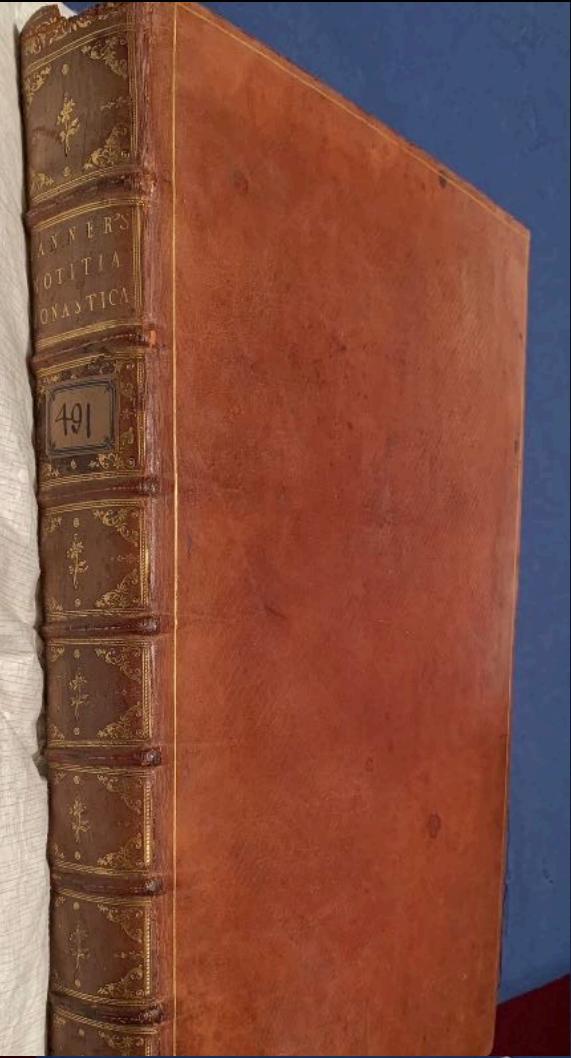
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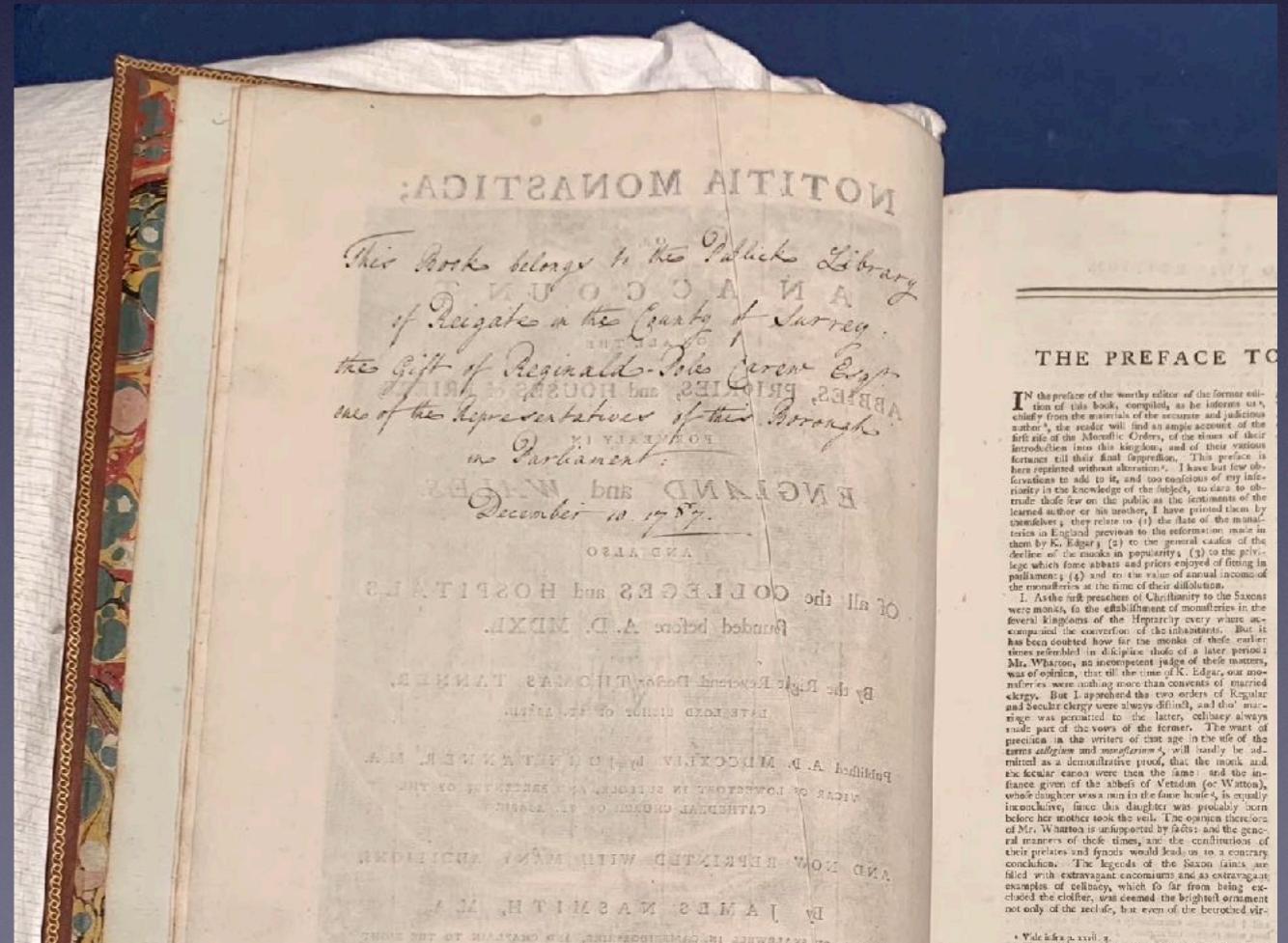
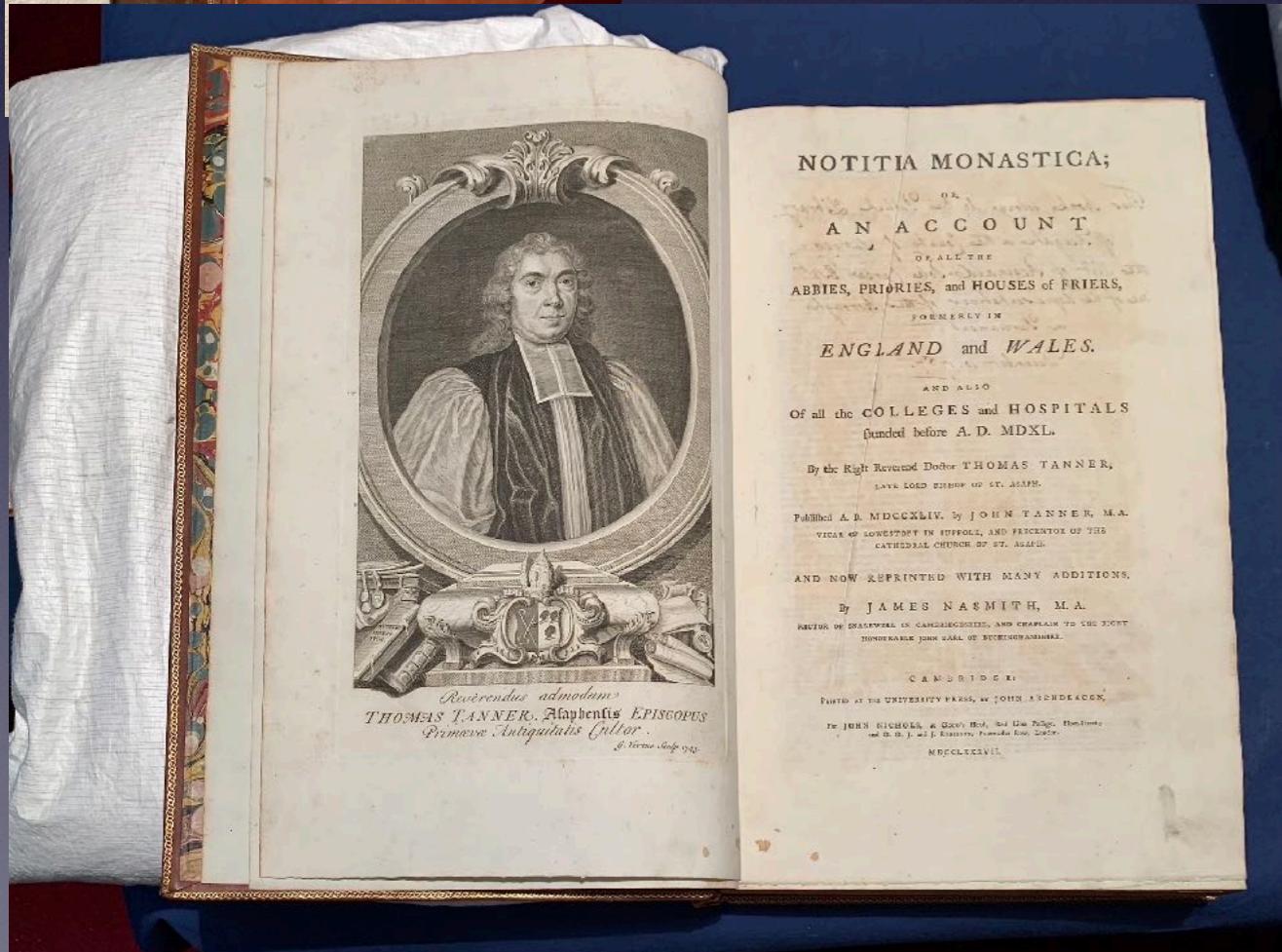
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Representatives in Parliament for the Borough of Ryegate
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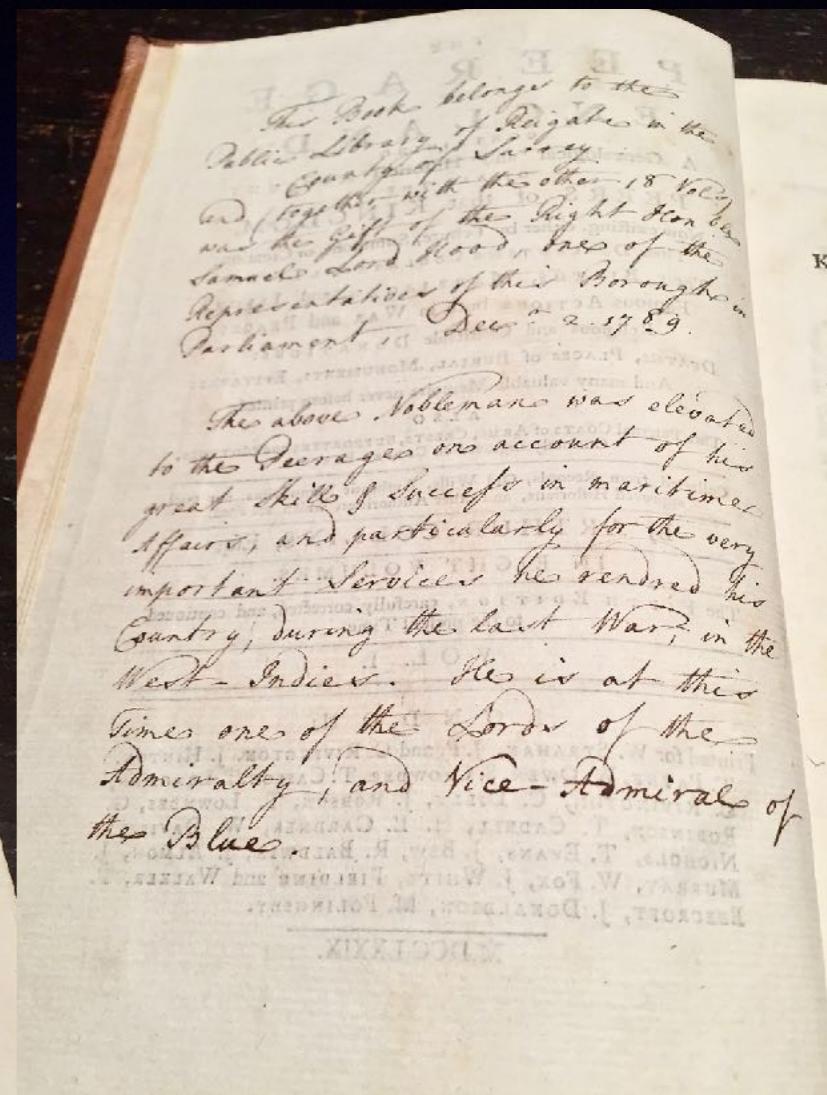
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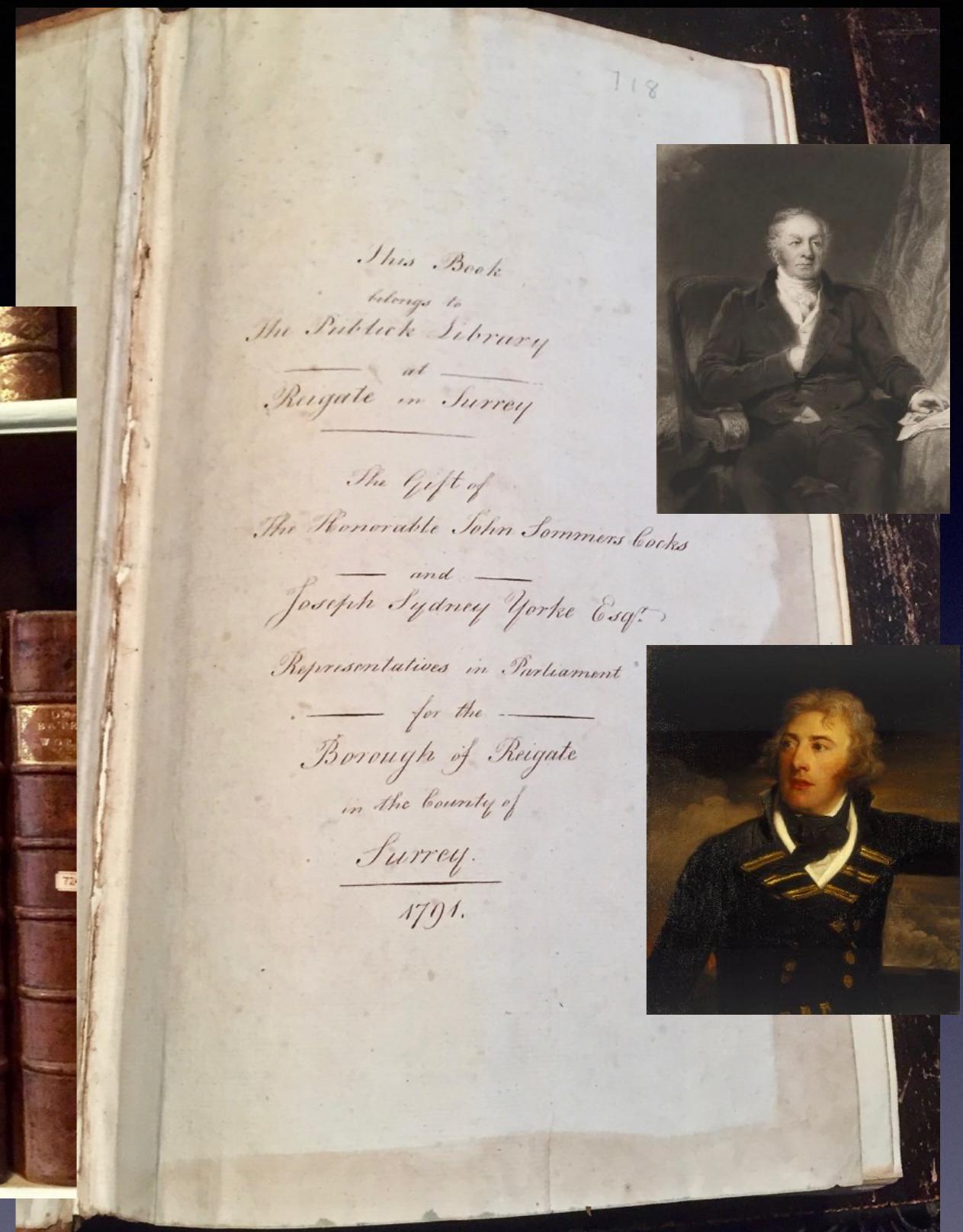


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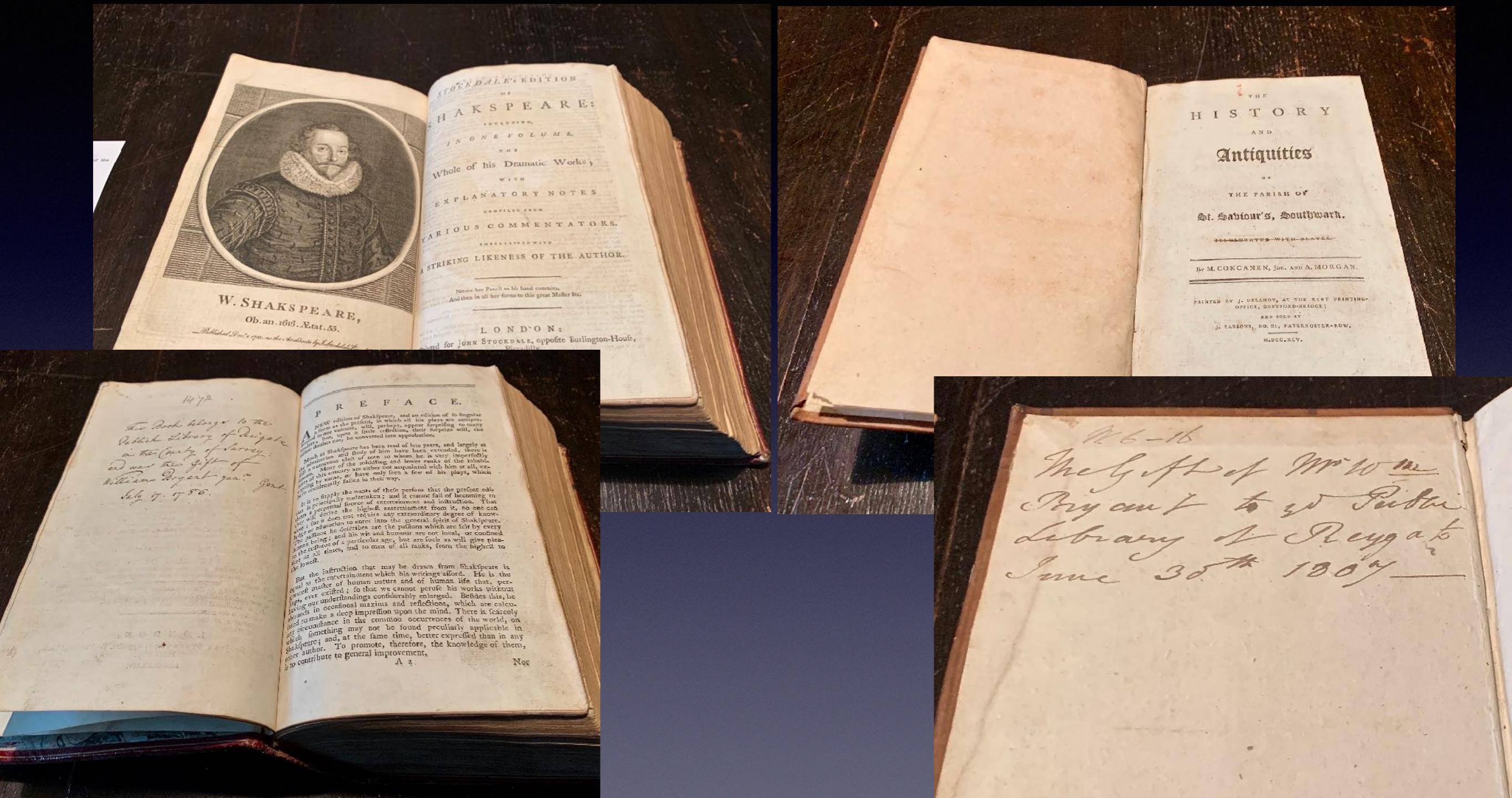


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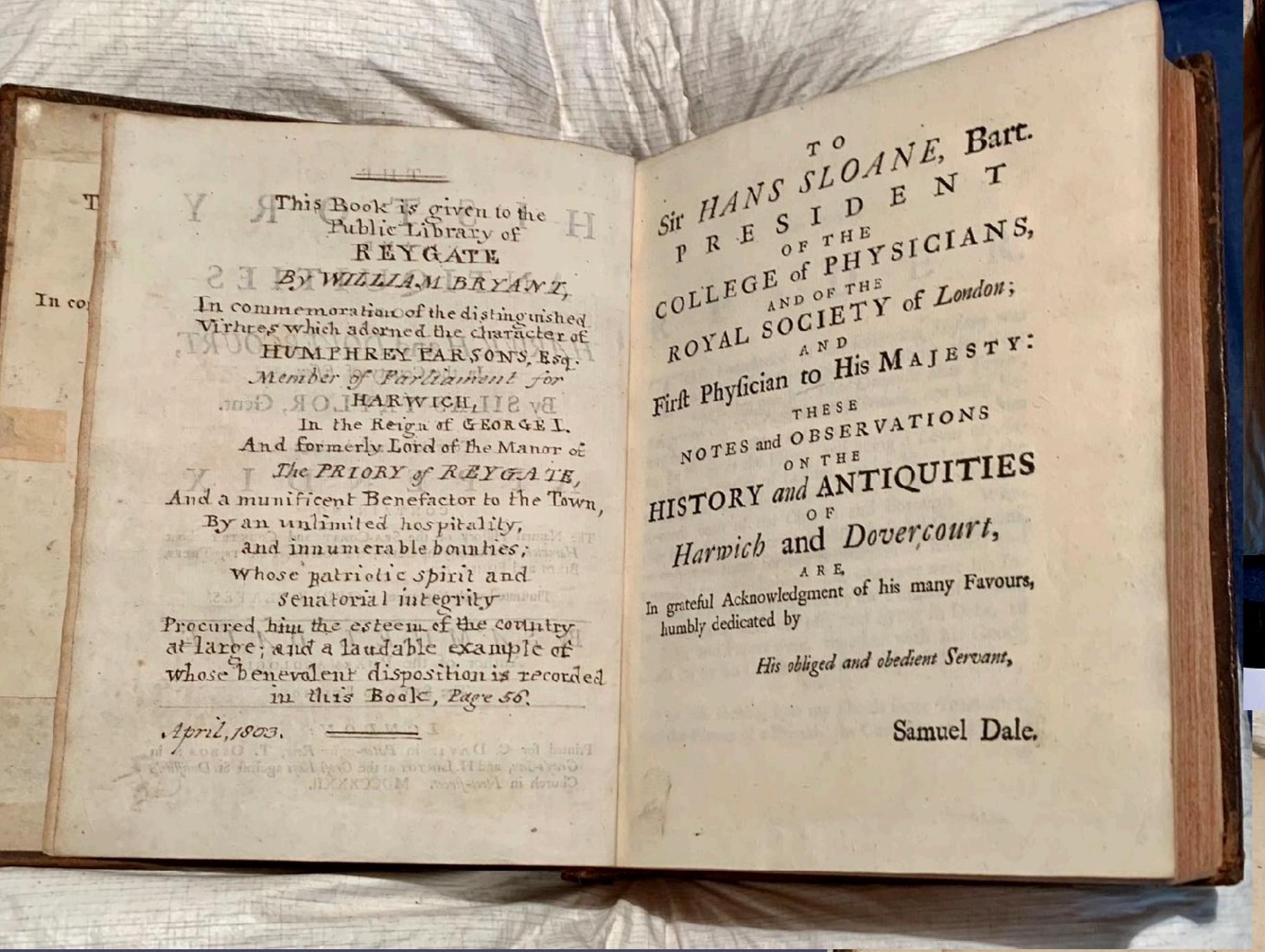


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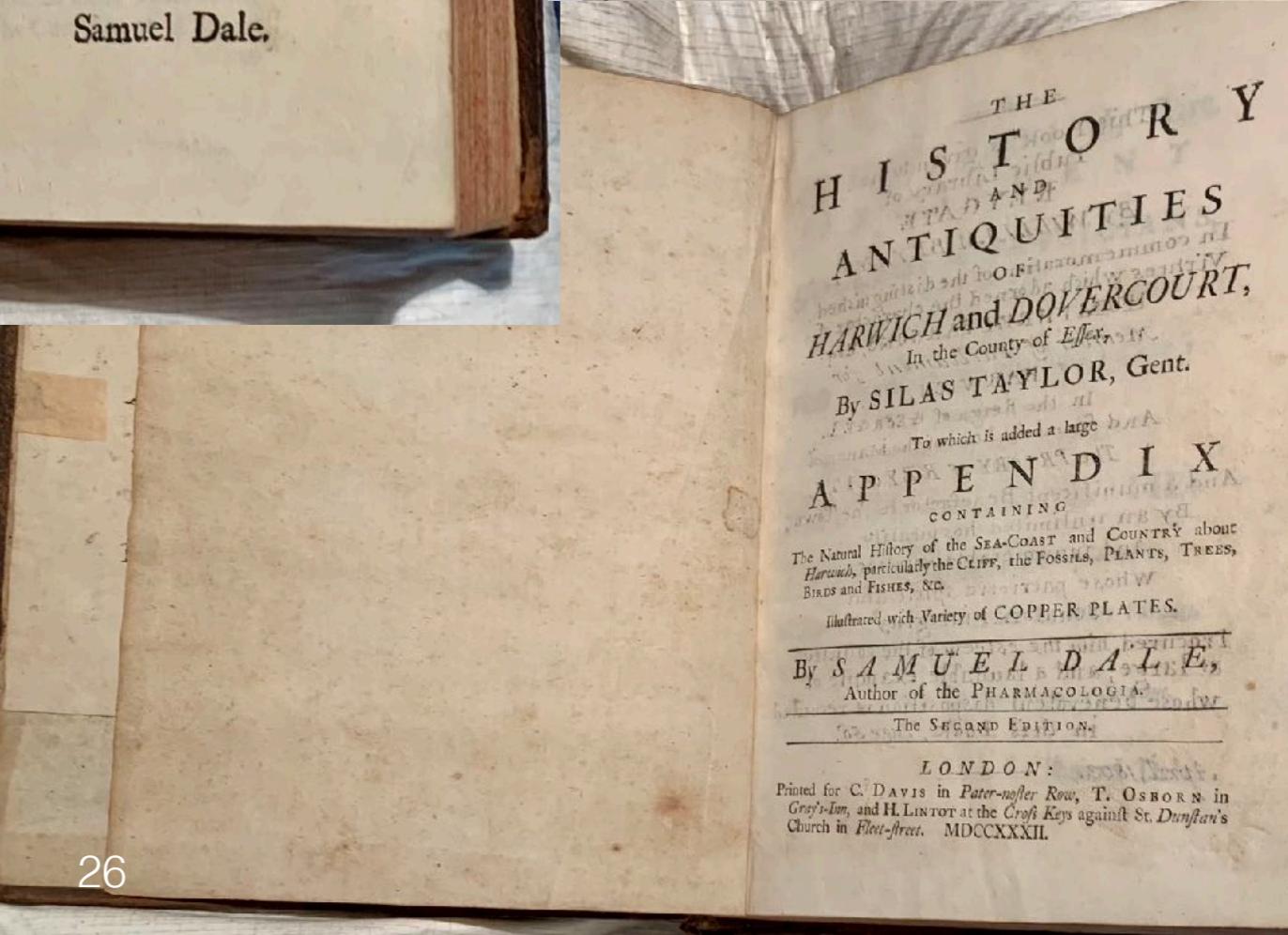
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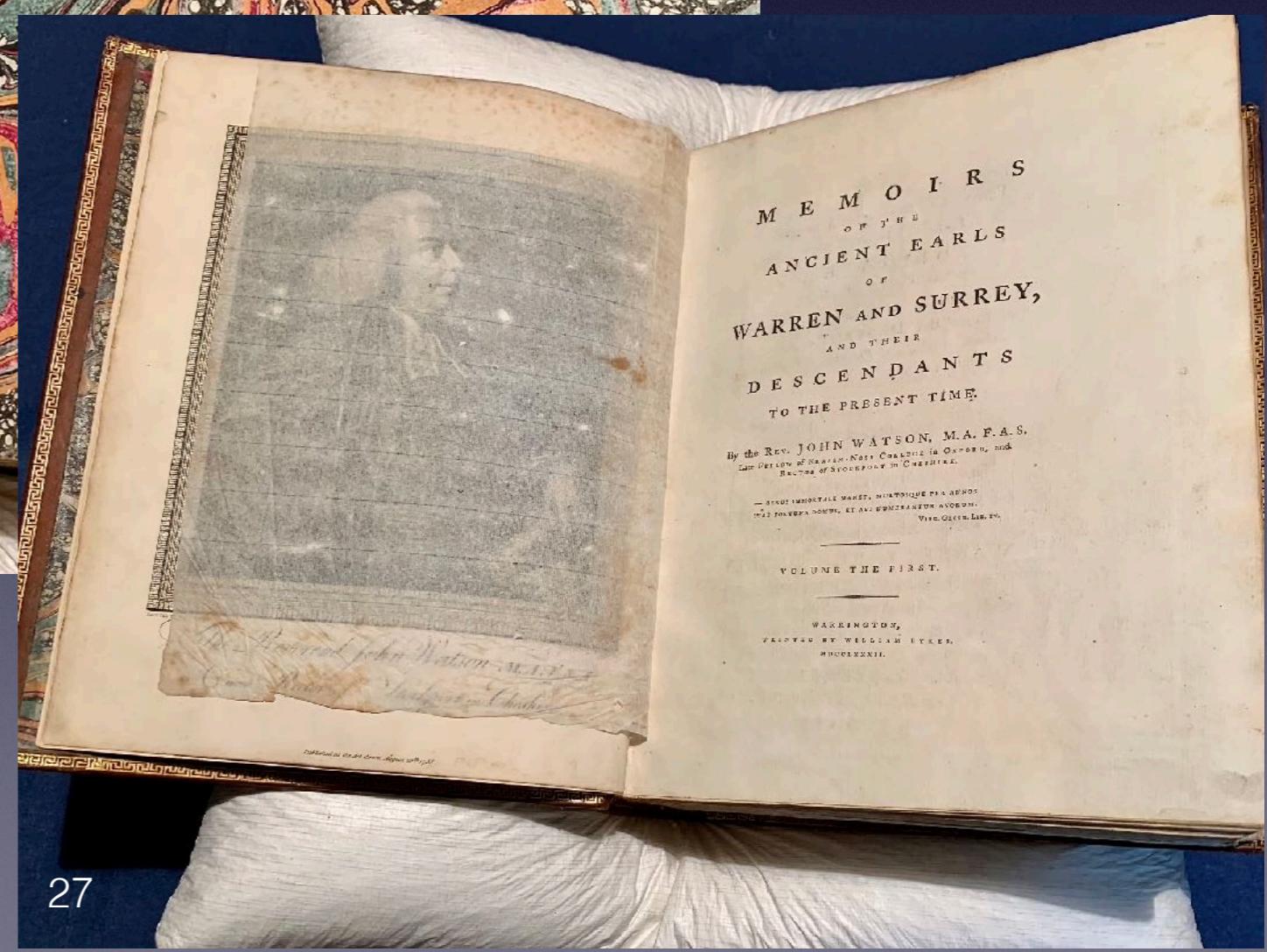
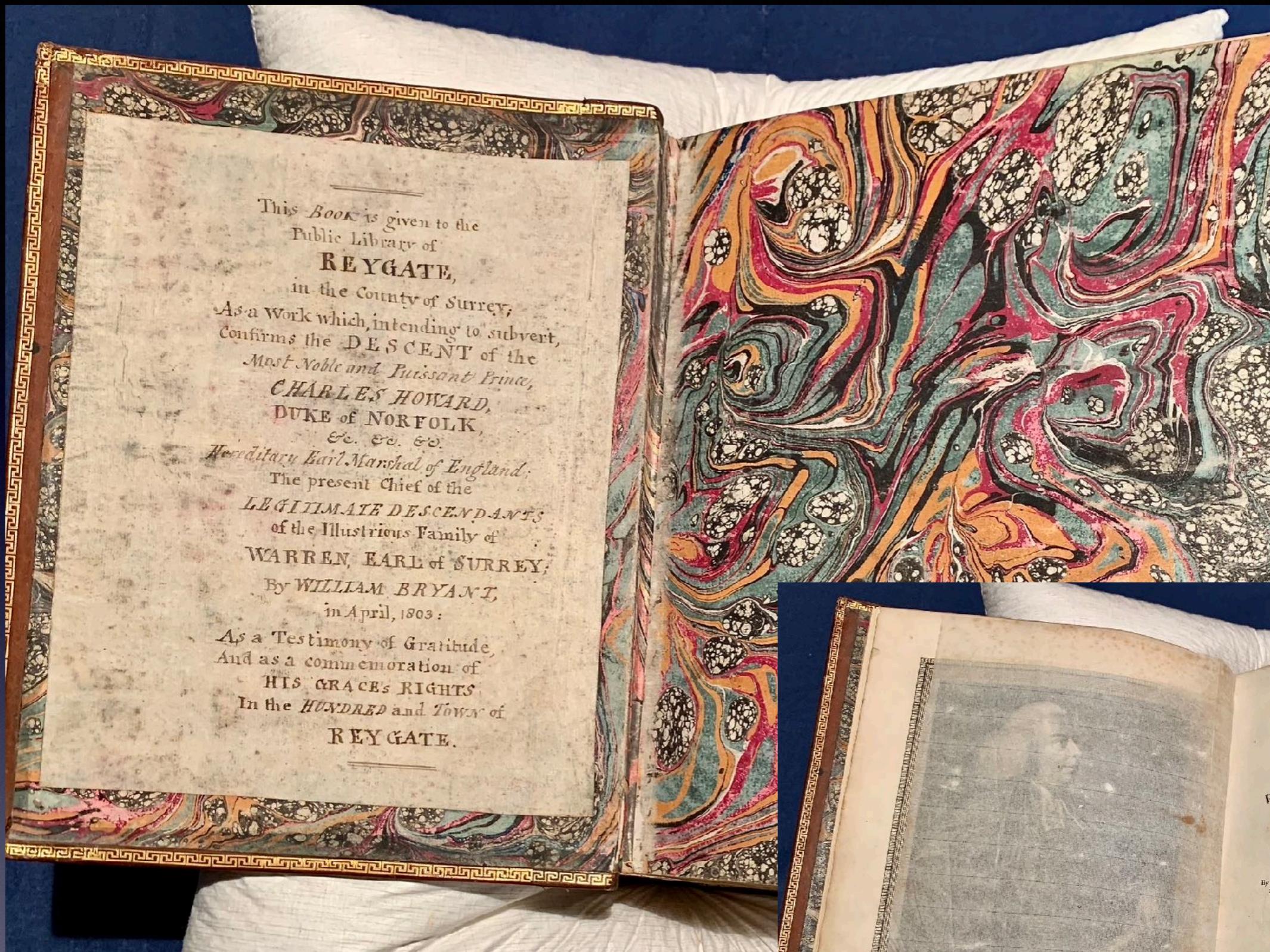
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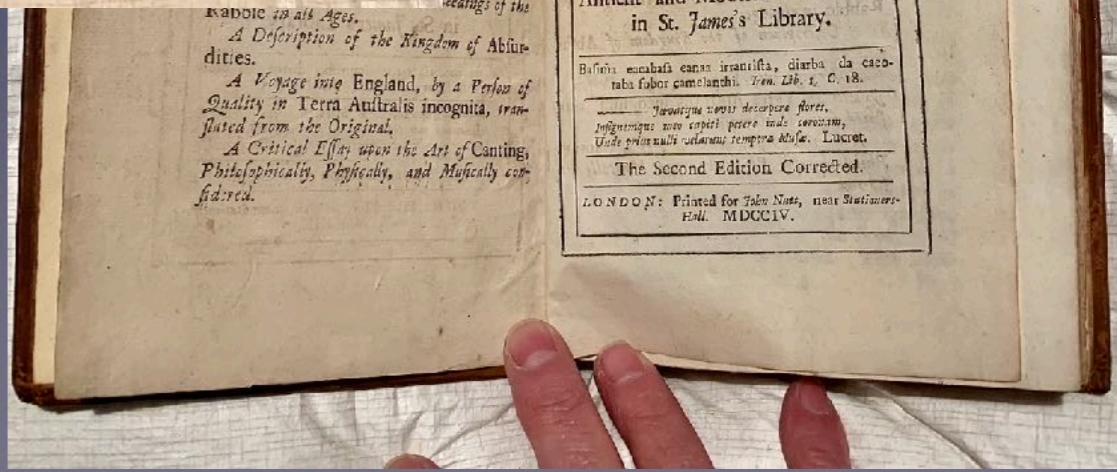
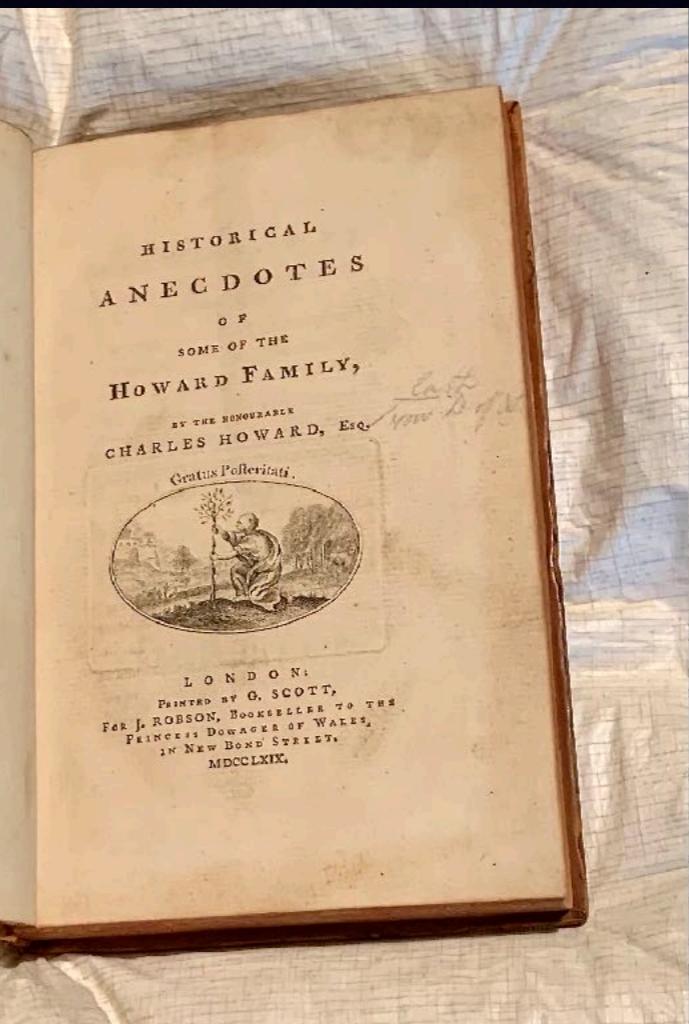
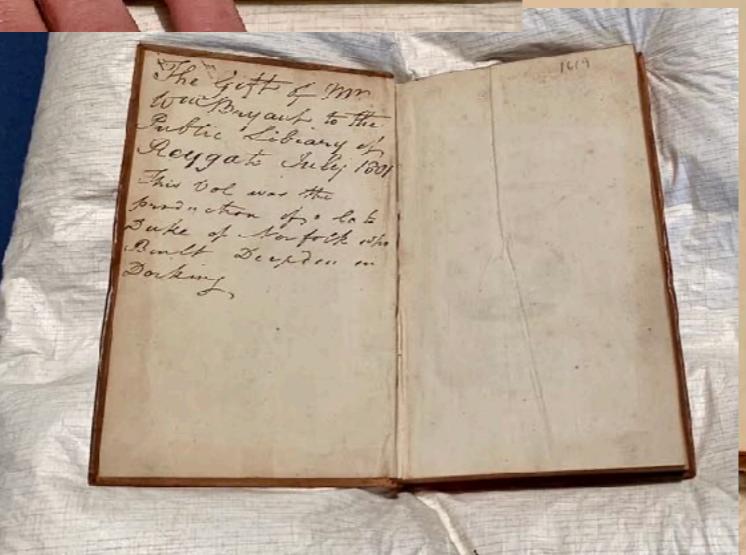


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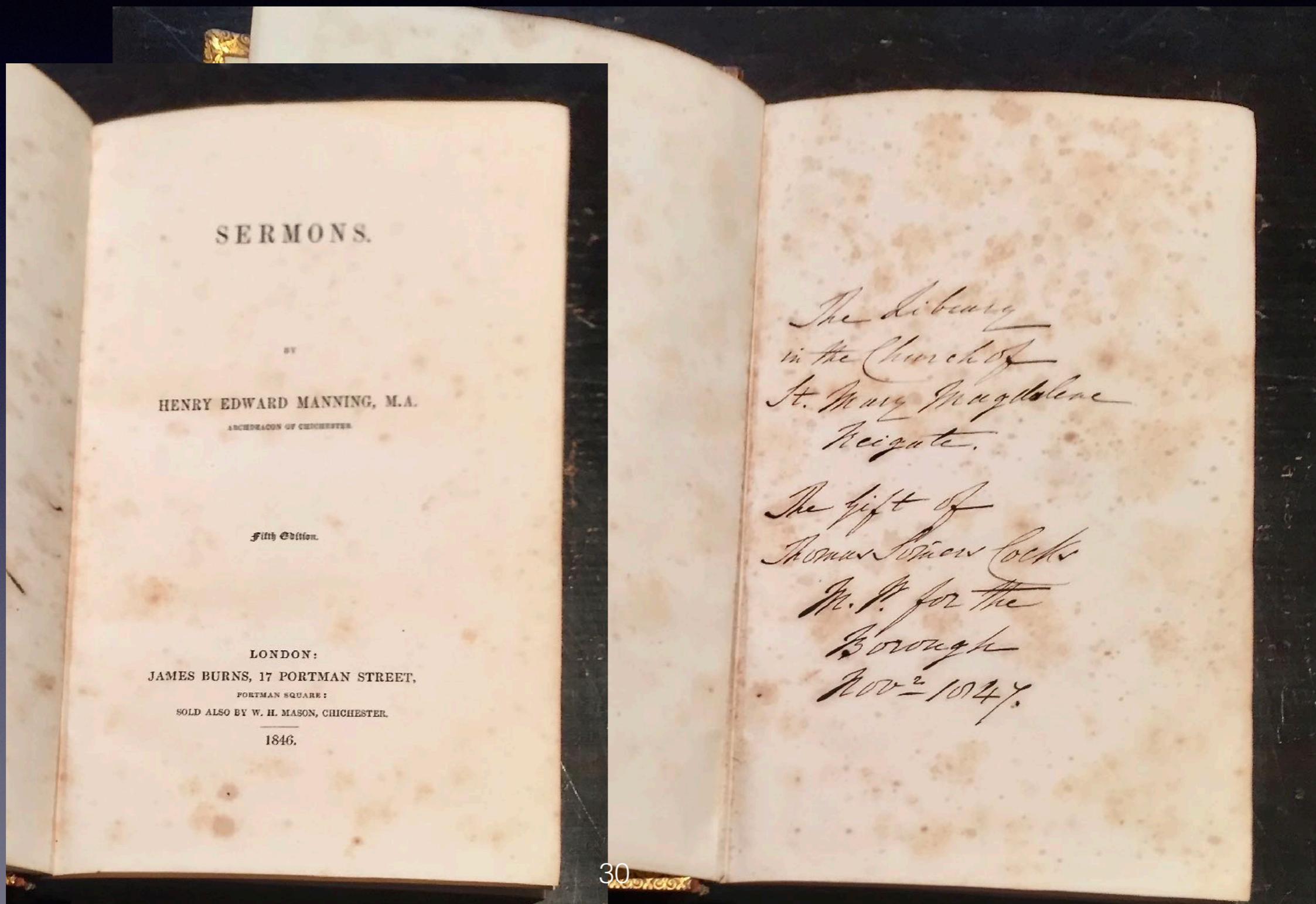
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