



Traces of Reigate's Parliamentary History in the
Cranston Library
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23rd October 2023

Reigate Old Town Hall c. 1728

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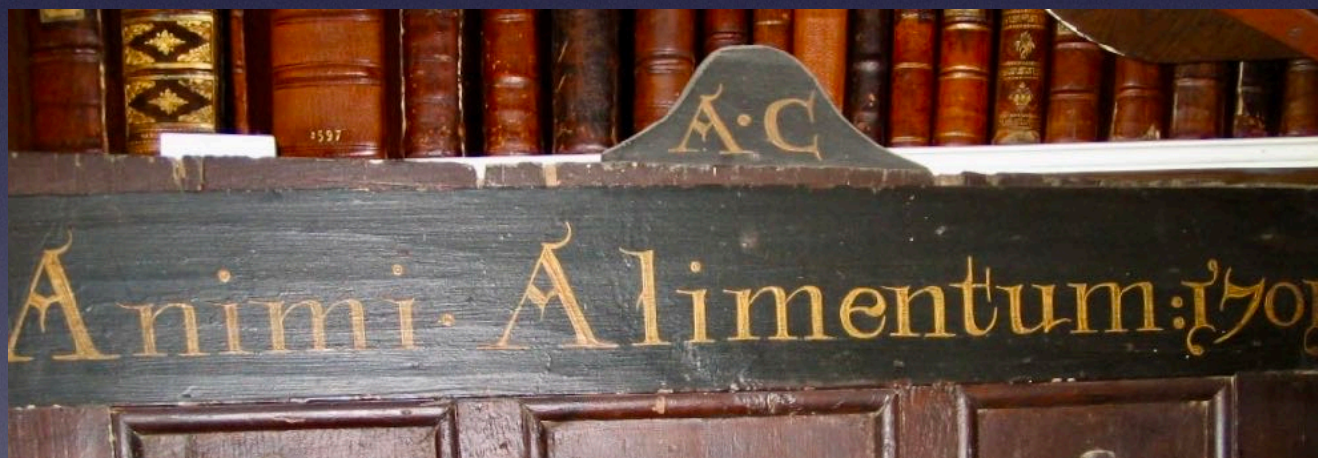
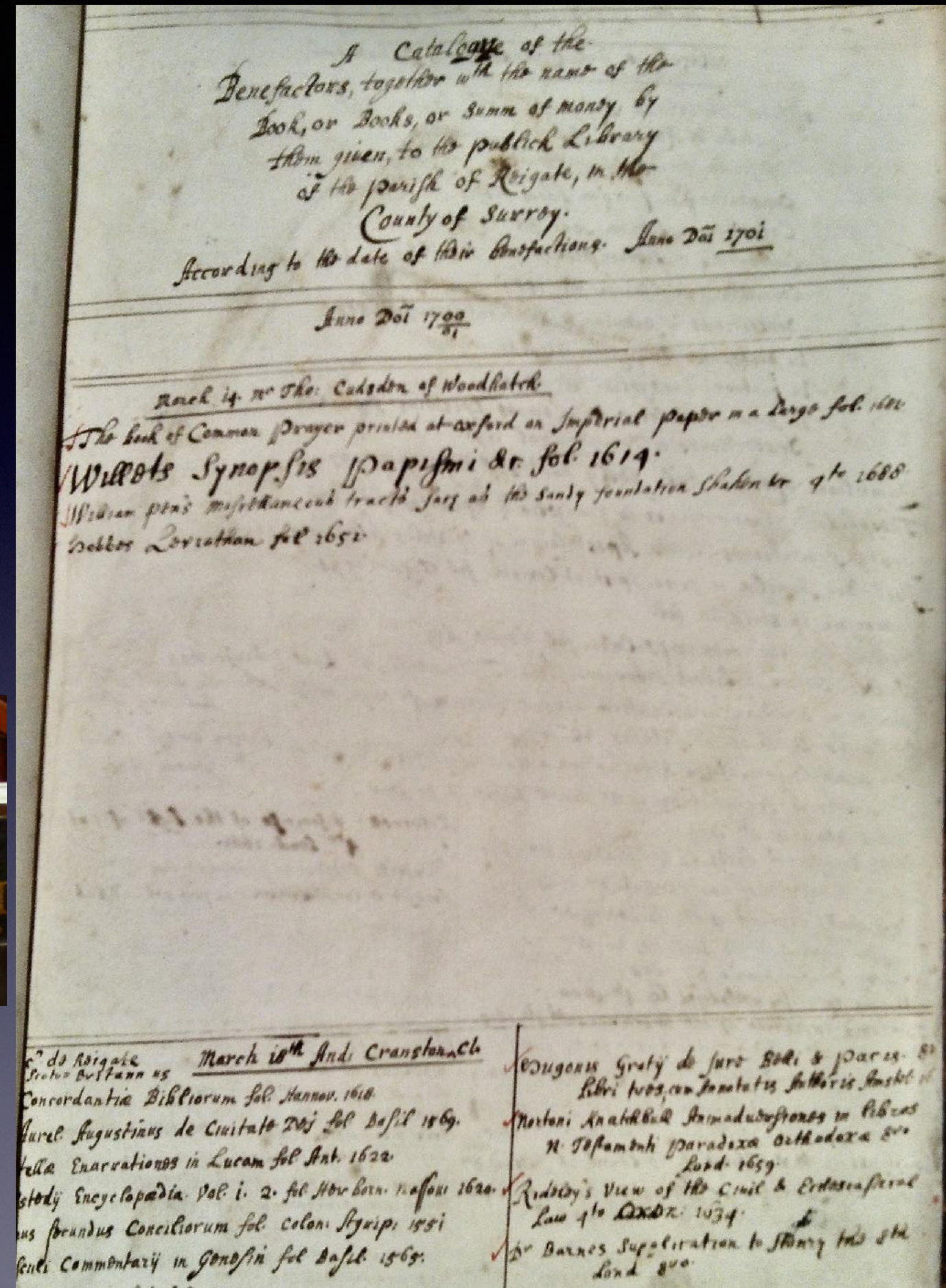
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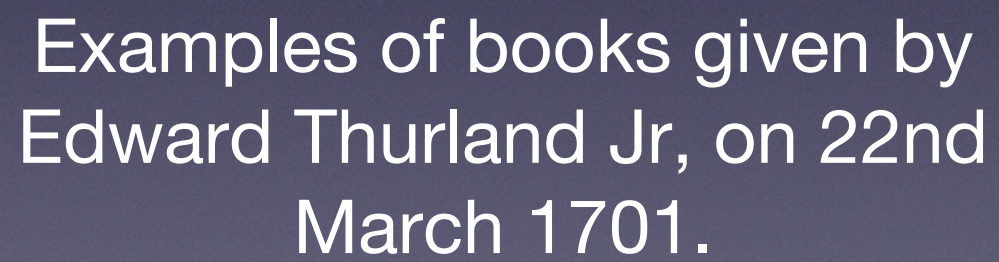


Sir Joseph Jekyll

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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





Benefactors to the Library Anno 1702

May 4th

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✓ Rushworths Historical Collections. beginning the 26th year of King James
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The Trials of Thomas Earle of Strafford by John Rushworth Lond.

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from the beginning of the Scotch Rebellion to the
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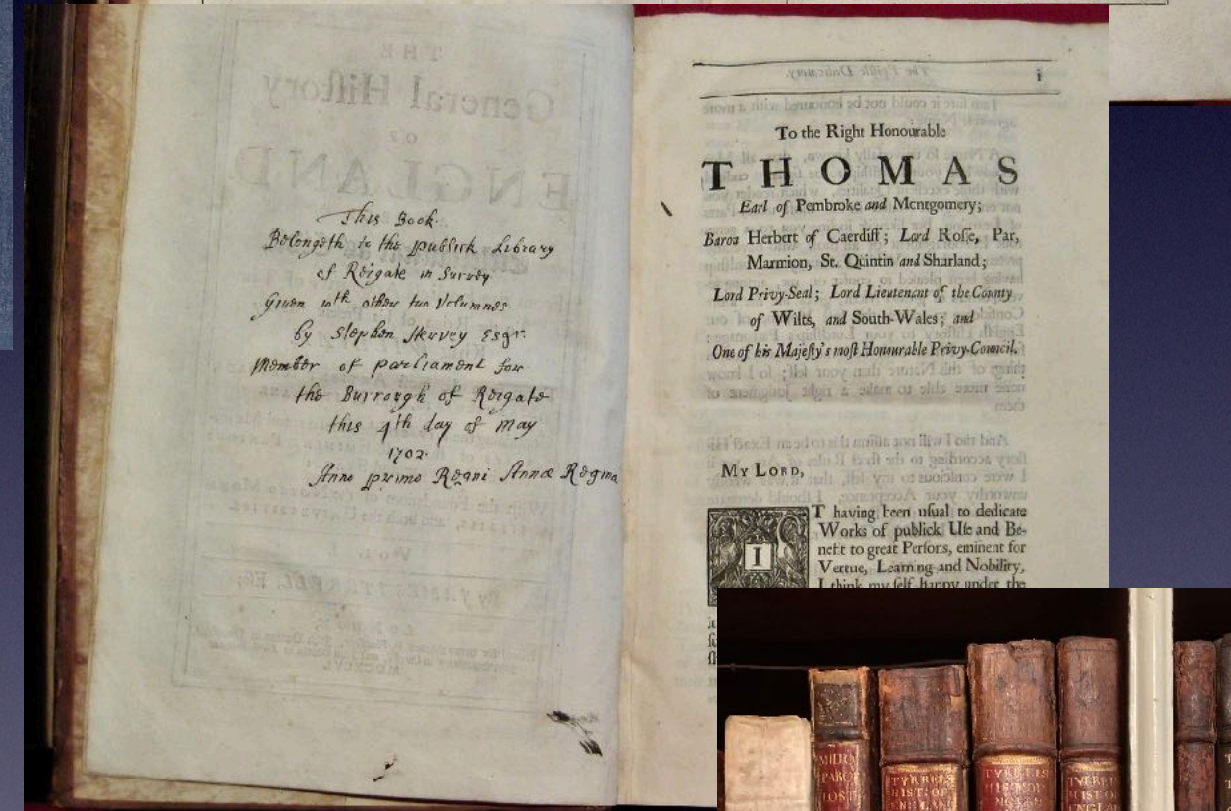
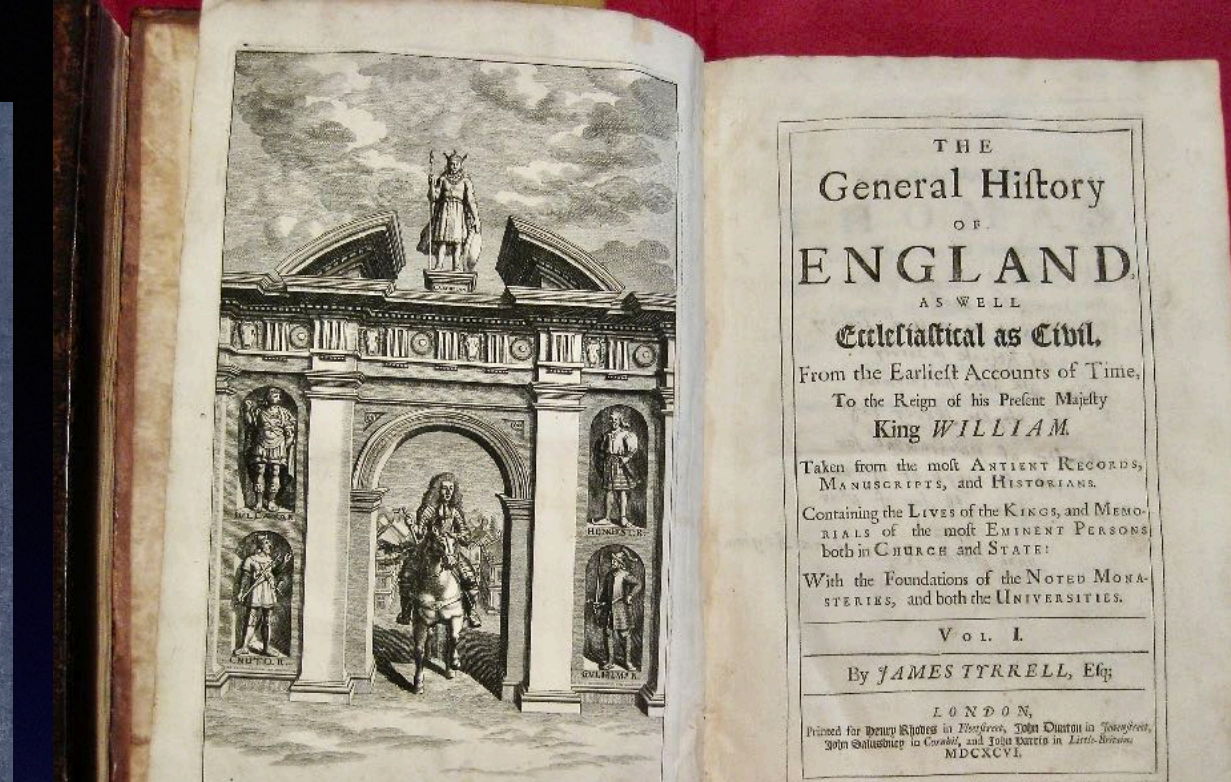
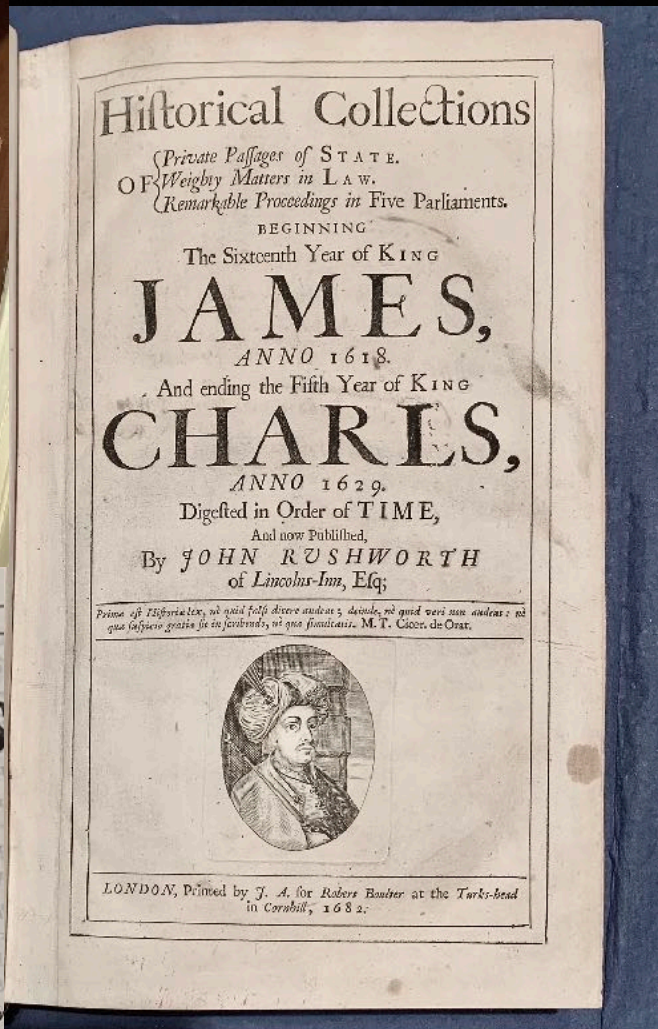
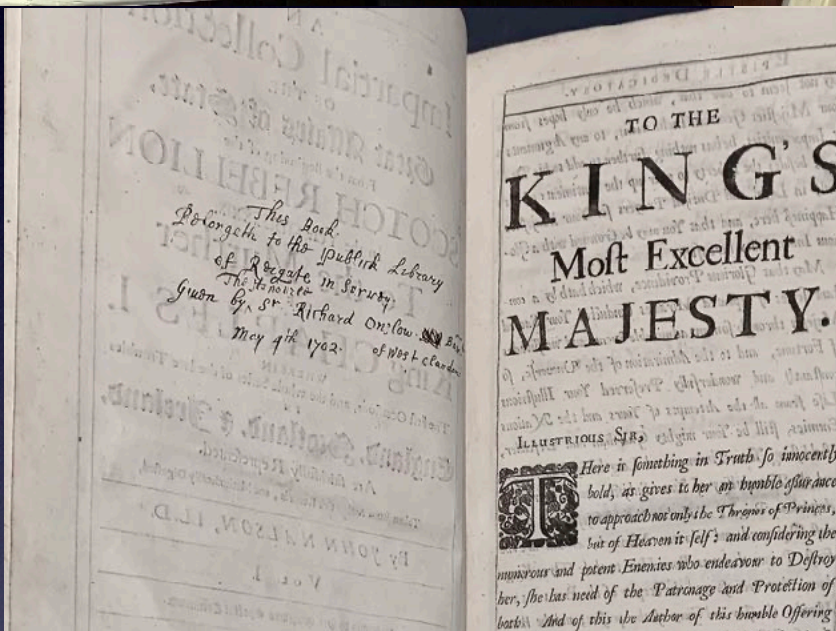
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✓ The second part of the second Volume fol. Lond 1700.

✓ Arminij opera Theologica. 4^{to} Francof. 1635.

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
Regni Annae
Reginae”



CR64-6 James Tyrrell, *The General History of England* ...
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Hervey Esqr. MP for Reigate

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120 John Rushworth, ...*Collections* ...
The gift of The Hon. Sir Richard
Onslow Bart. of West Clandon



The gift of Sir John Parsons, Citizen and Alderman
of London and M.P. for Reigate, November 23,
1701

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upon an Impeachment ... (1710)*
Given by the 3rd Earl of Shaftesbury in 1711



Henry Sacheverell S.T.D.
A. Russell pinx. Geo. Vertue sculp. 1711.

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THE
T R Y A L
OF
Dr. Henry Sacheverell,
BEFORE THE
HOUSE of PEERS,
FOR
High Crimes and Misdemeanors;
UPON AN
IMPEACHMENT

BY THE
Knights, Citizens and Burgeses 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, 17th; and from thence continu'd by several Adjournments until the 23d Day of March following.

Published by Order of the House of PEERS.

L O N D O N:

Printed for *Jacob Tonson*, at *Grays-Inn Gate* in *Grays-Inn-Lane*.
MDCCX.



Given by his Lordshth wth other Books (viz^t *Barnes Homer, Iliad and Odysse. & Sacheverell's Tryal, Sam Johnson's works, and Characteristicks*) to the publick Library at *Reigate*, Anno 1711



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explanantur, illustrantur, confirmantur;
Nunc demum in unum Volumen collecta, ac multò
correctius quàm antè, unà cum generalibus
Indicibus edita. QUIBUS
Jam accessit Ejusdem Tractatus hætenus ineditus,
De Primitiva & Apostolica Traditione Dogmatis de JESU
CHRISTI Divinitate,
CONTRA
DANIELEM ZUICKERUM,
Ejusq; nuperos in Angliâ Sectatores;
Subnexa insuper pluribus singulorum Librorum
Capitibus proluxa quandoq; ANNOTATA
JOANNIS ERNESTI GRABE.
Cujus etiam PRÆFATIO huic Volumini est præmissa.

L O N D I N I,
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Given by
John Ward Esq. of Hackney
April 9th 1717

CR725 George Bull, *Opera Omnia* (1700), given
in 1717 by John Ward Esq. of Hackney (MP for
Reigate 1710-1713)



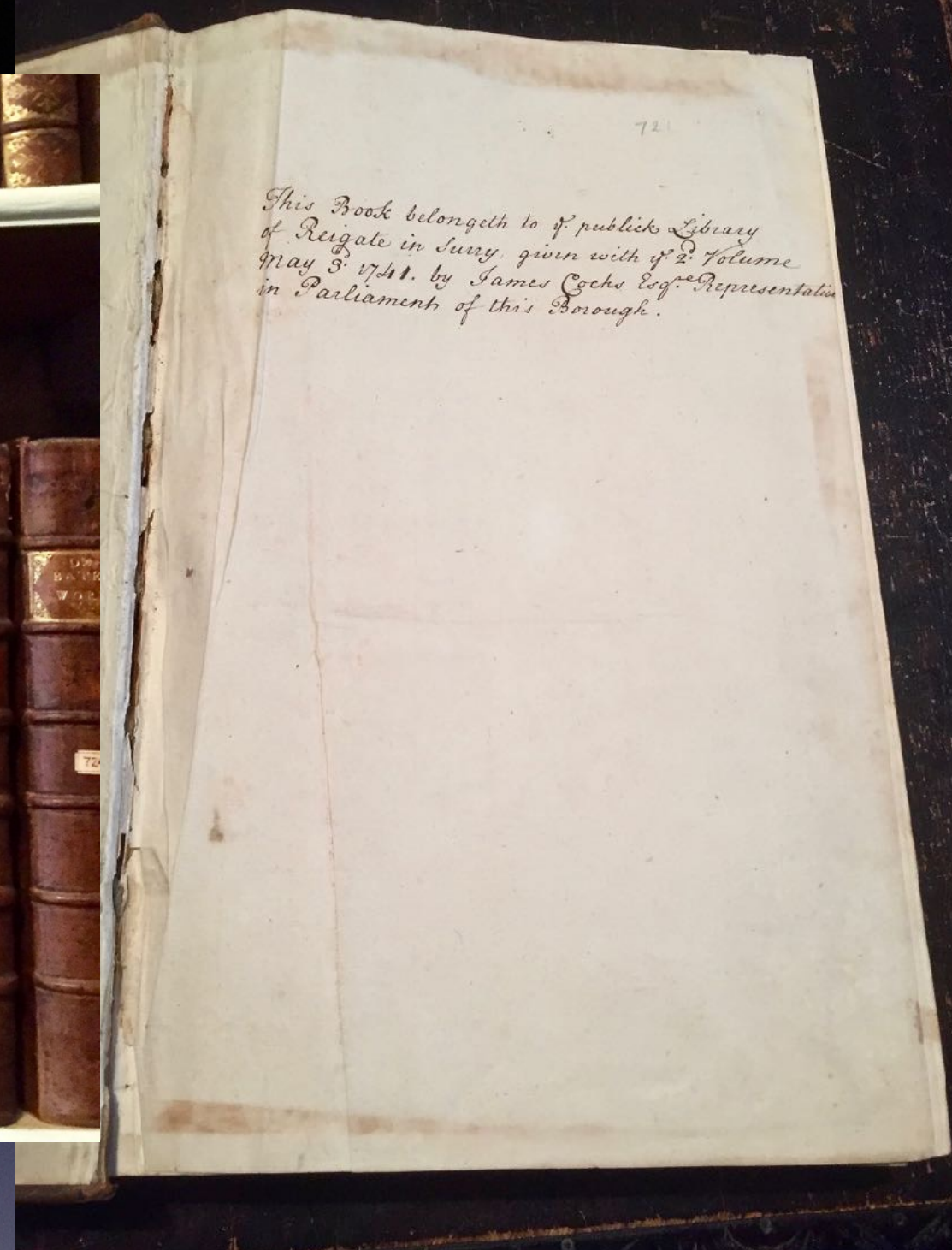
Philip Yorke 1st Earl of Hardwicke, and Margaret Yorke, née Cocks (niece of Lord Somers), Countess of Hardwicke



The House of Commons in 1793, by K. A. Hickel

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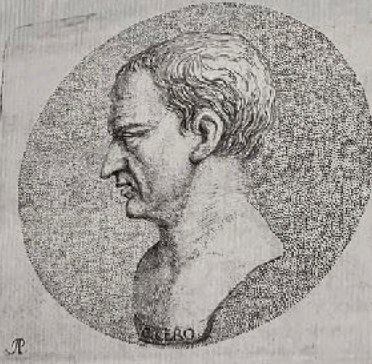
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One of the Tellers of the Exchequer &
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Given May the 3. 1741*

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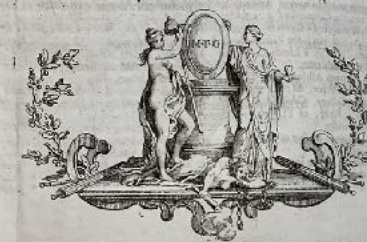
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given a plausible pretext for GRACCHUS's law. But the
Senate could not bear with patience, to be subjected to the
tribunal of an inferior order; which had always been jealous
of their power, and was sure to be severe upon their enemies.
So that, after many fruitless struggles to get this law re-
pealed, Q. SERVILIUS CAPIO, who was Consul about twenty
five years after, procured at last a mitigation of it, by ad-
ding a certain number of Senators to the three centuries of
the Knights or Equestrian Judges: with which the Senate
was so highly pleased, that they honored this Consul with the
title of their Patron [6]. CAPIO's law was warmly recom-
mended by L. CRASSUS, the most celebrated Orator of that
age, who in a speech upon it to the people, defended the
authority of the Senate with all the force of his eloquence;
in which state of things, and in this very year of CAPIO's
Consulship, CICERO was born: and as CRASSUS's oration
was published, and much admired, when he was a boy, so
he took it, as he afterwards tells us, for the pattern both
of his eloquence, and his politics [c].



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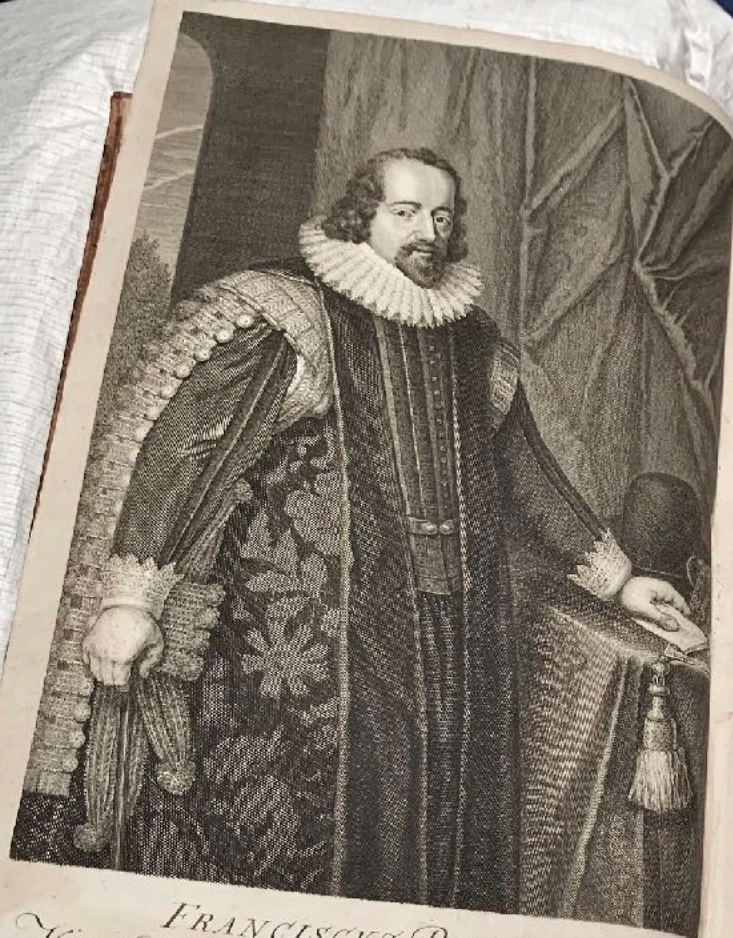
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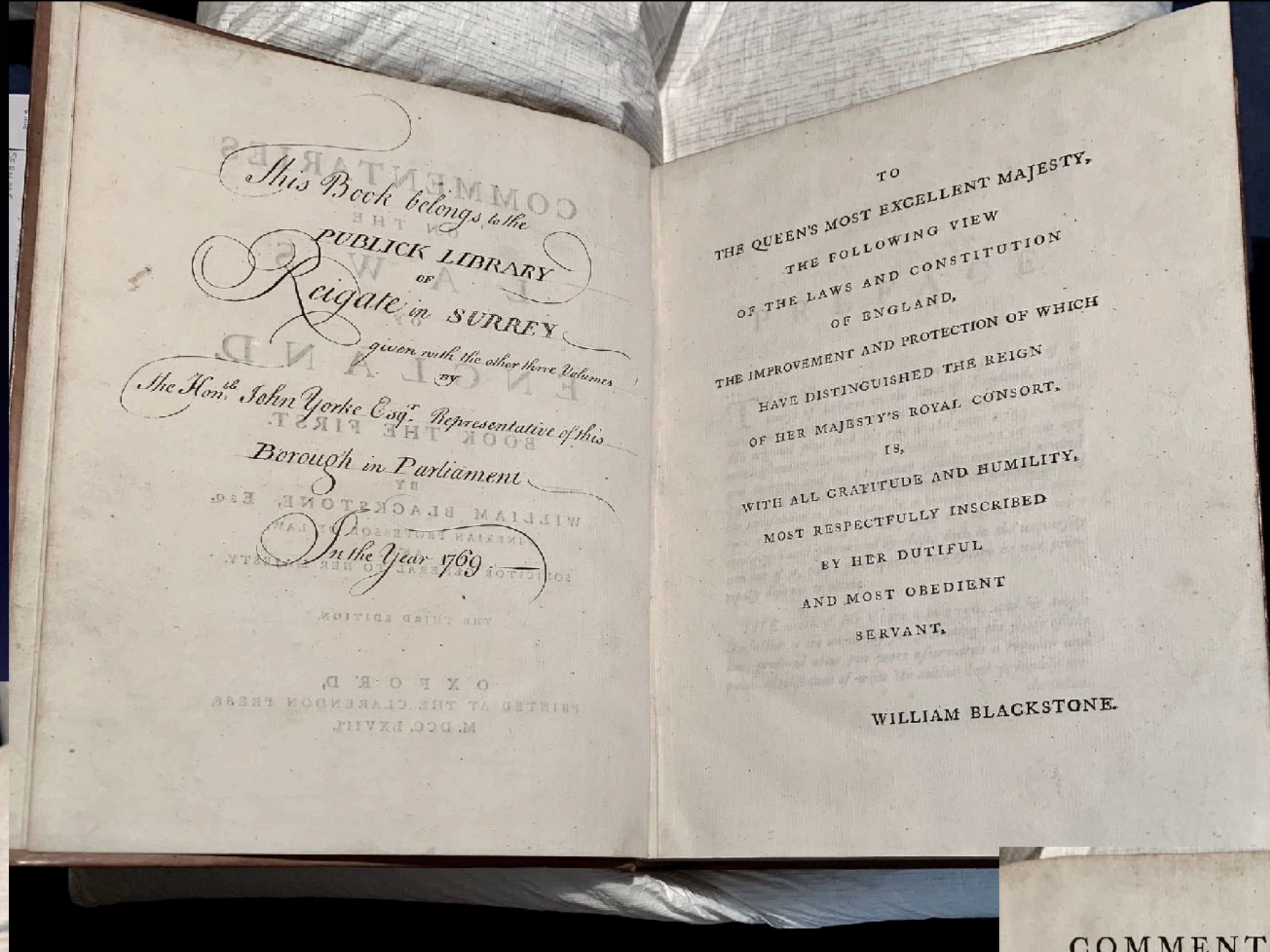
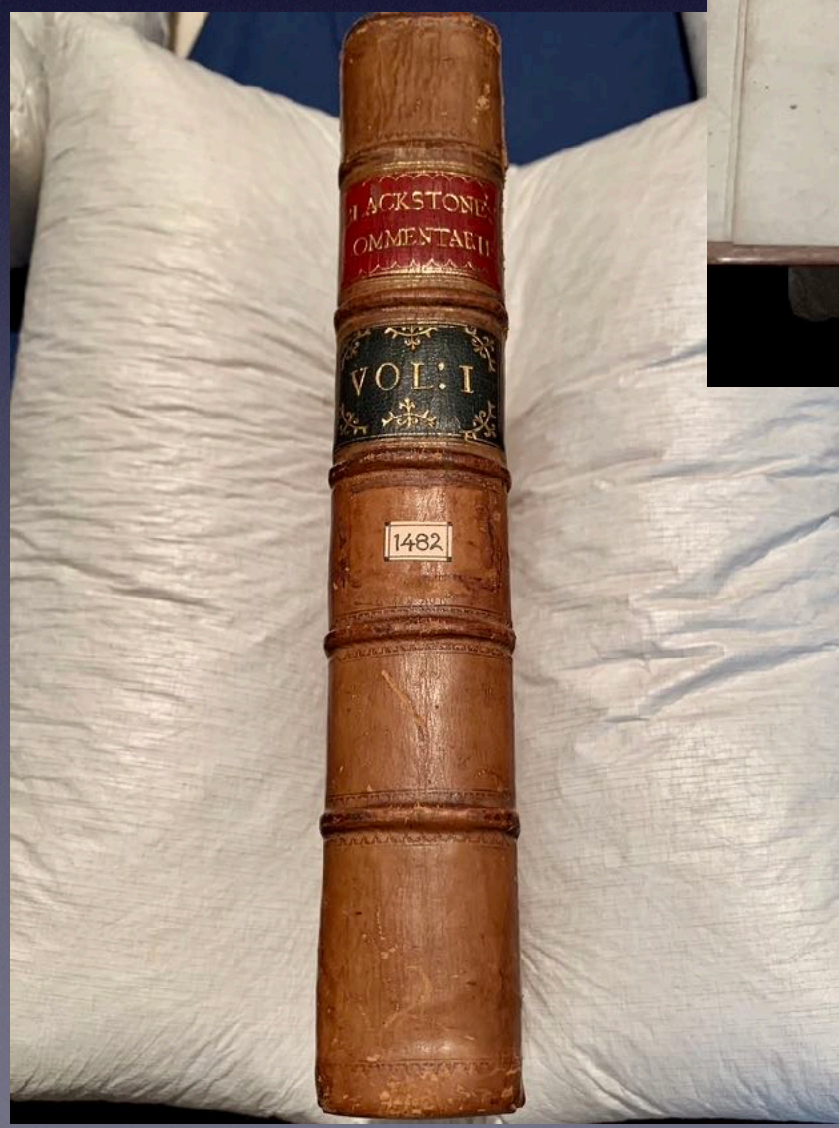
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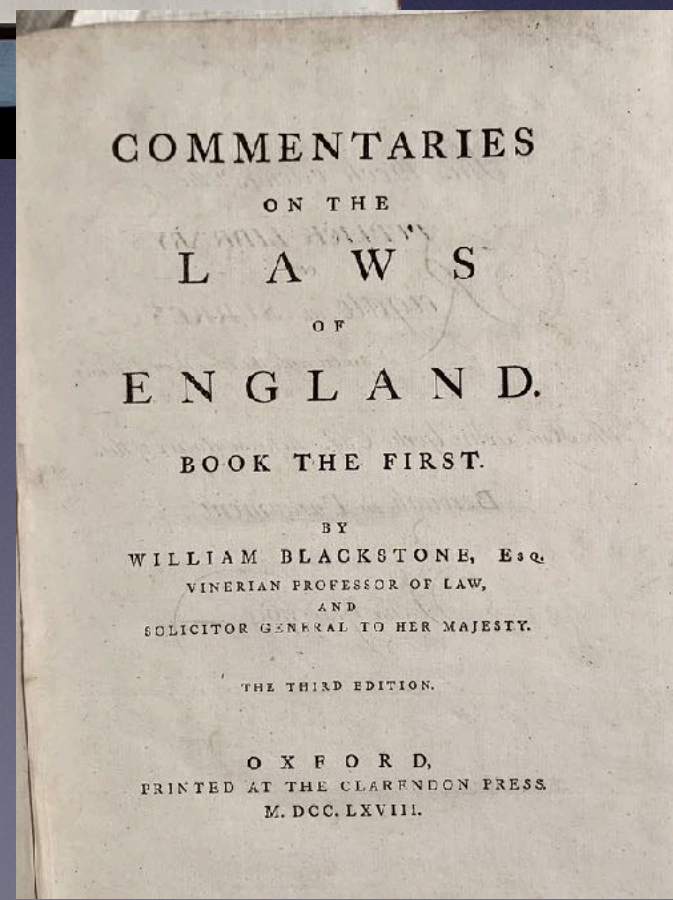
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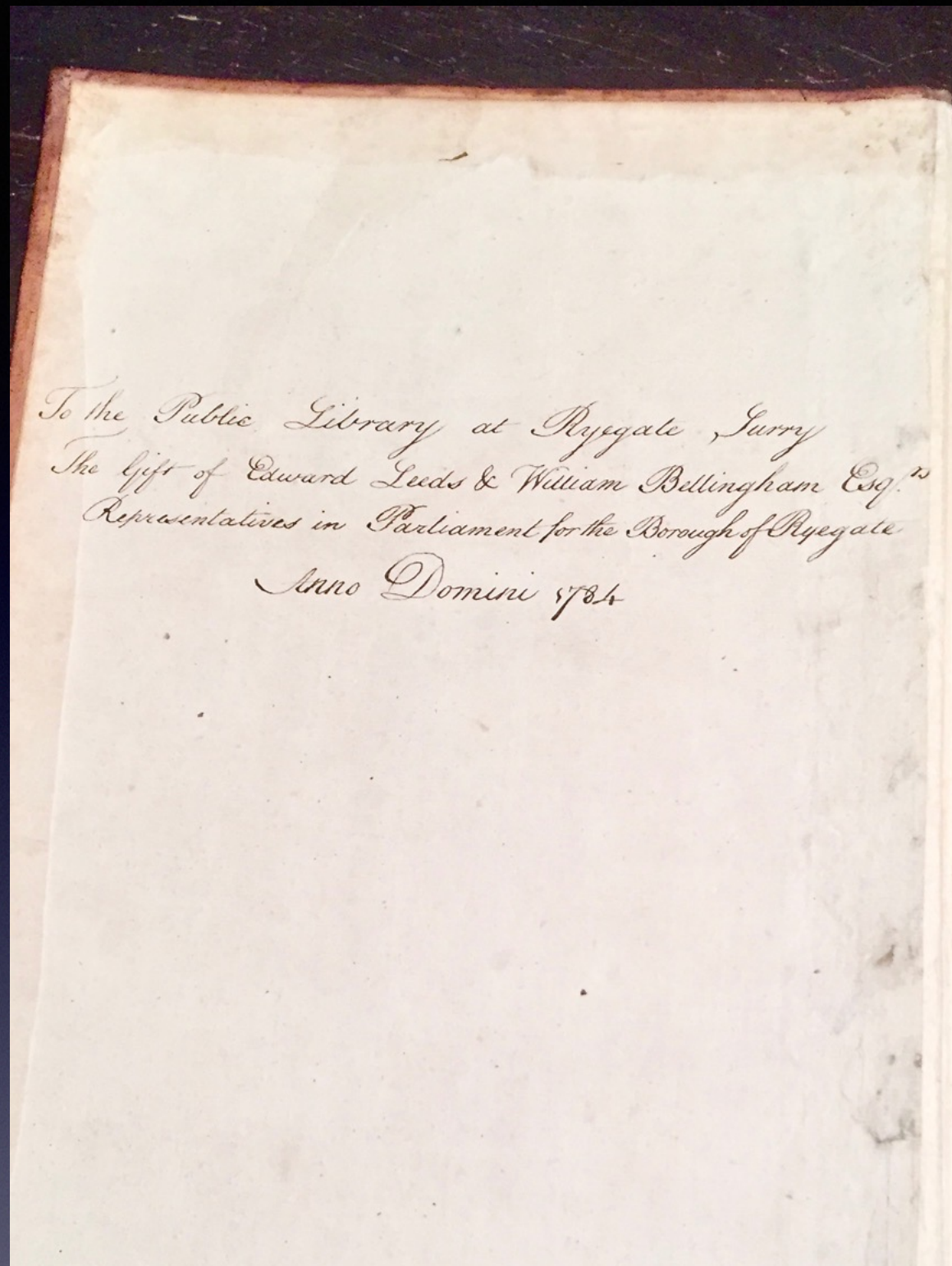
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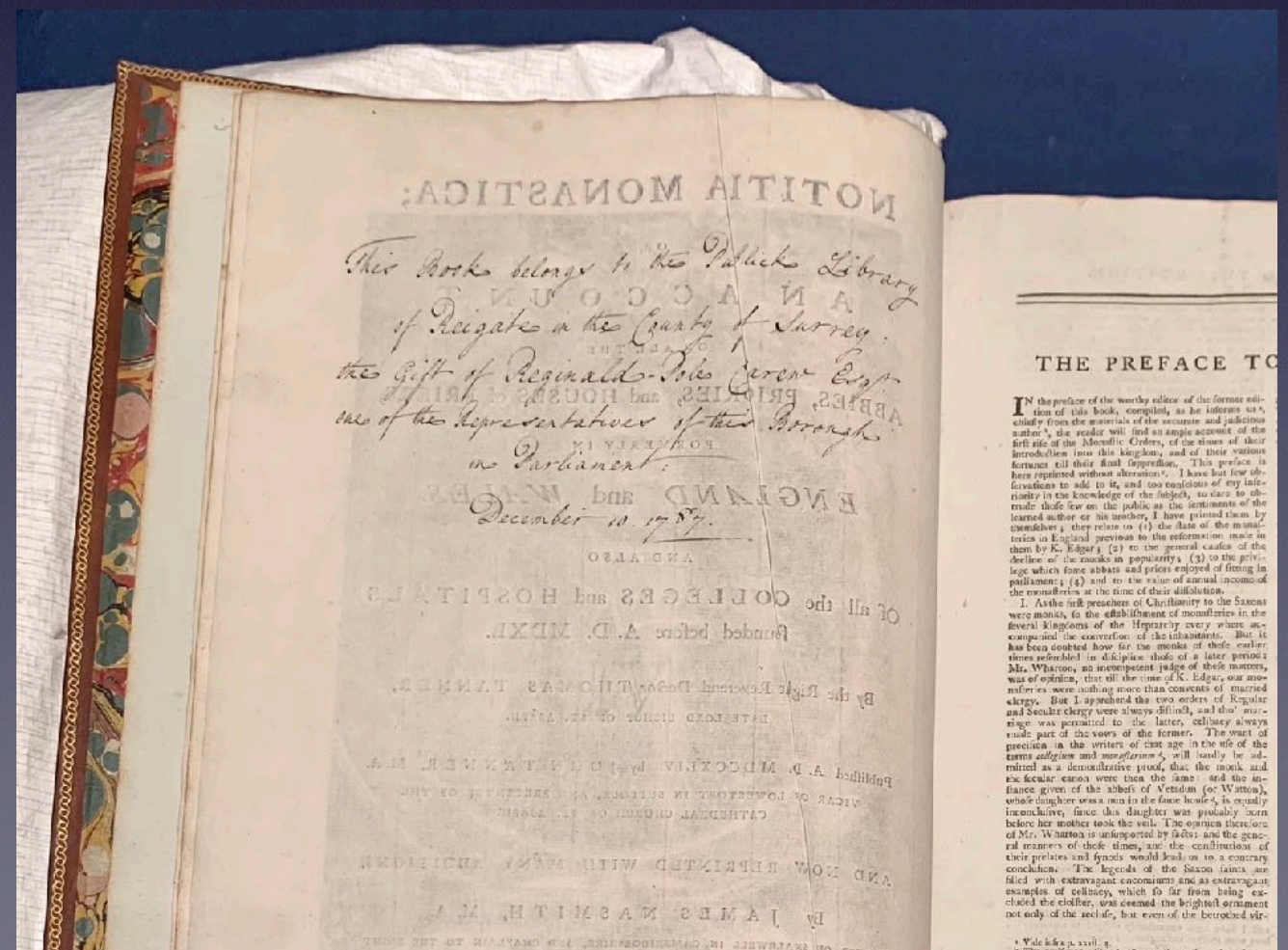
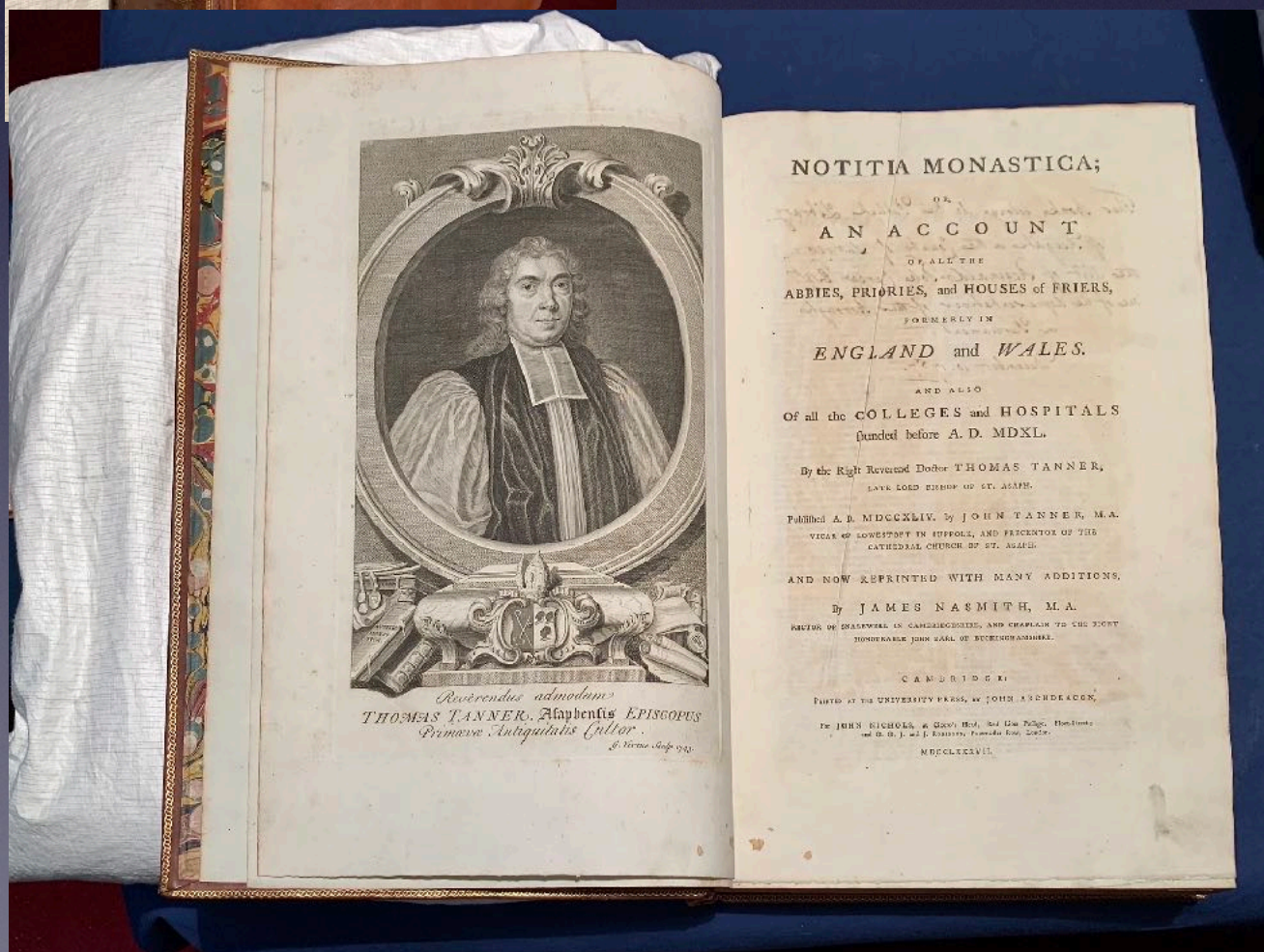




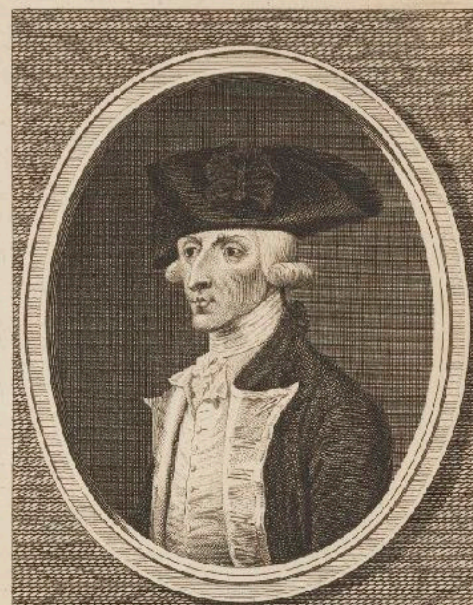
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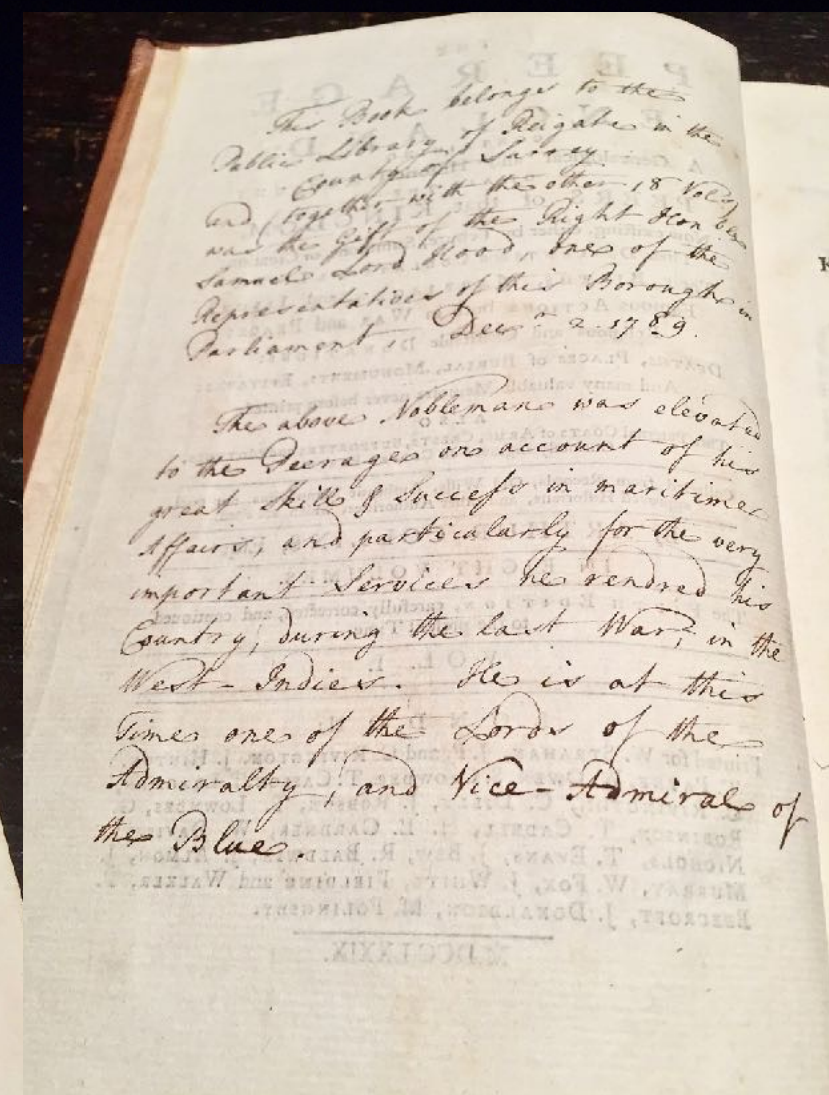
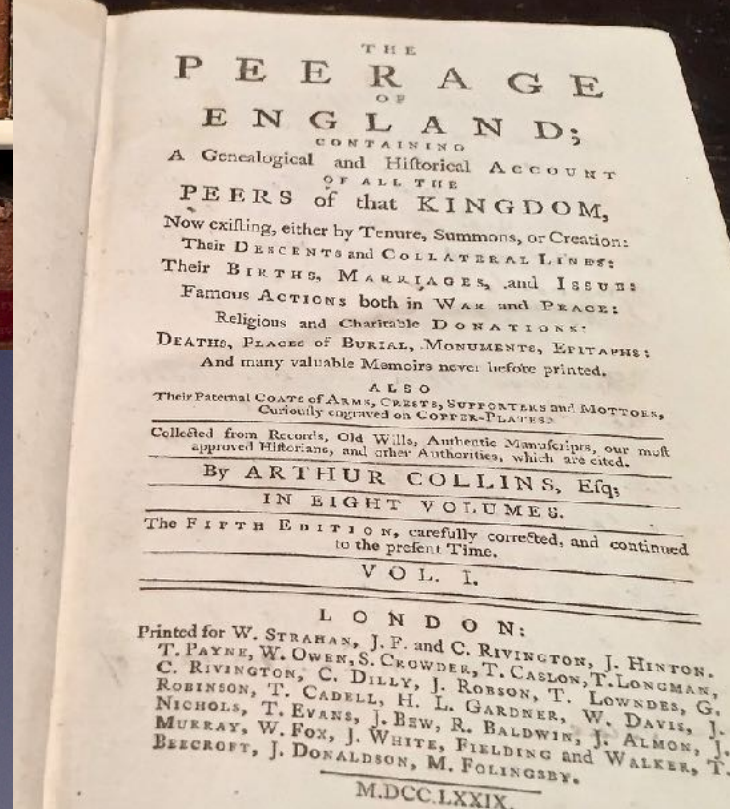


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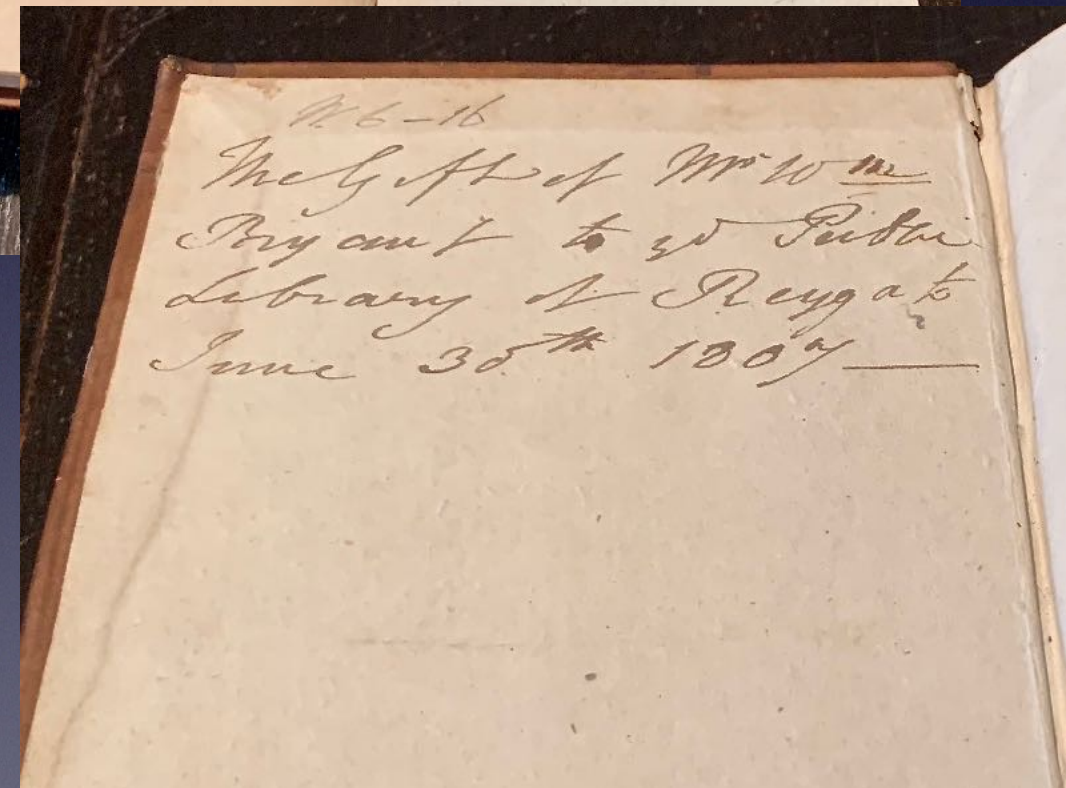
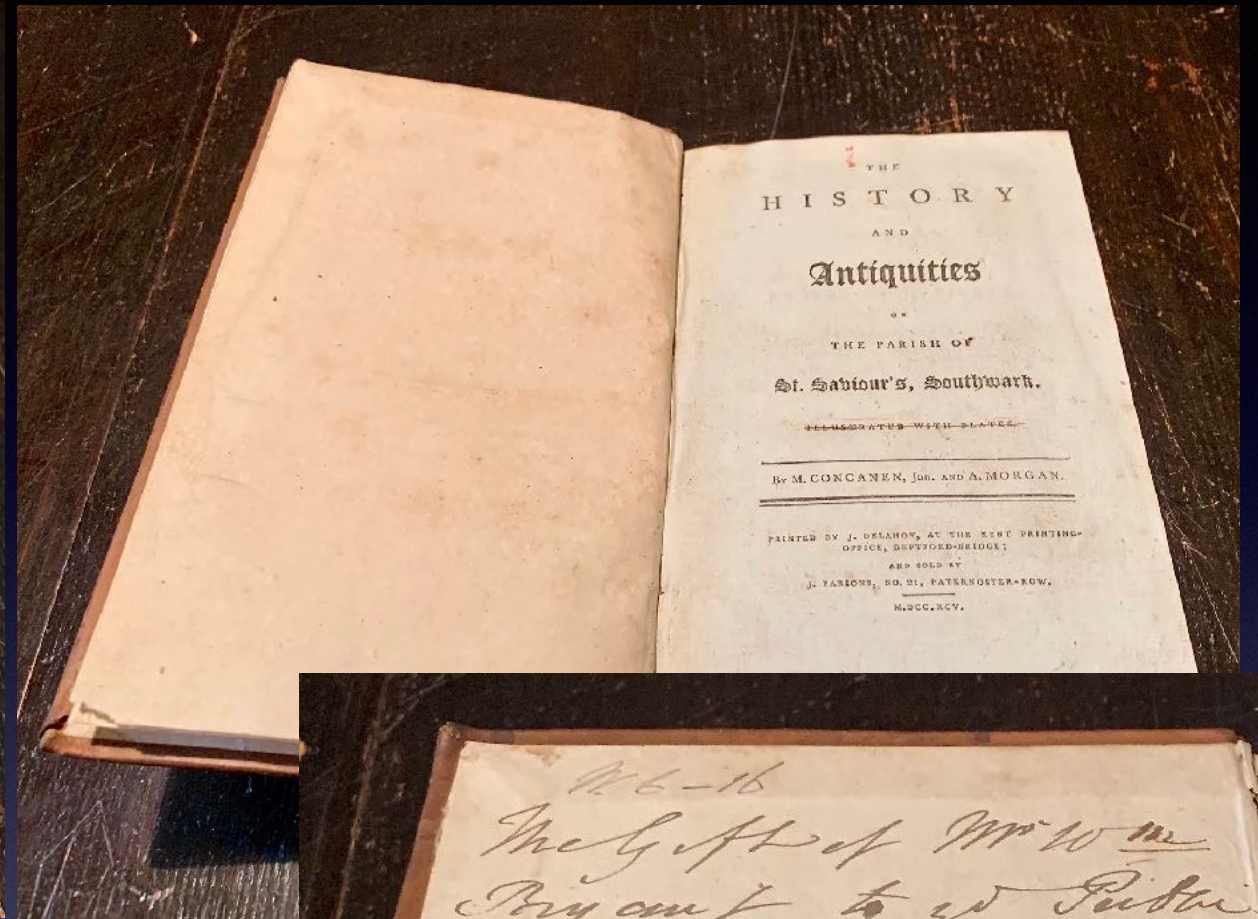
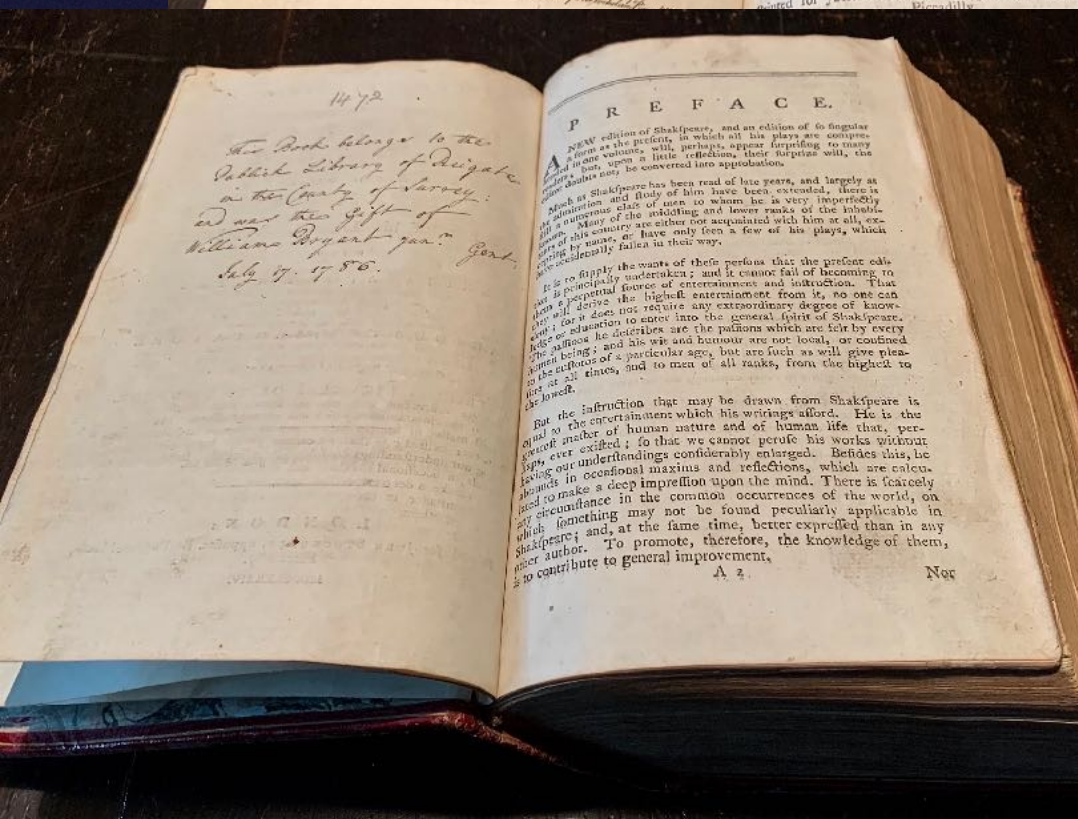
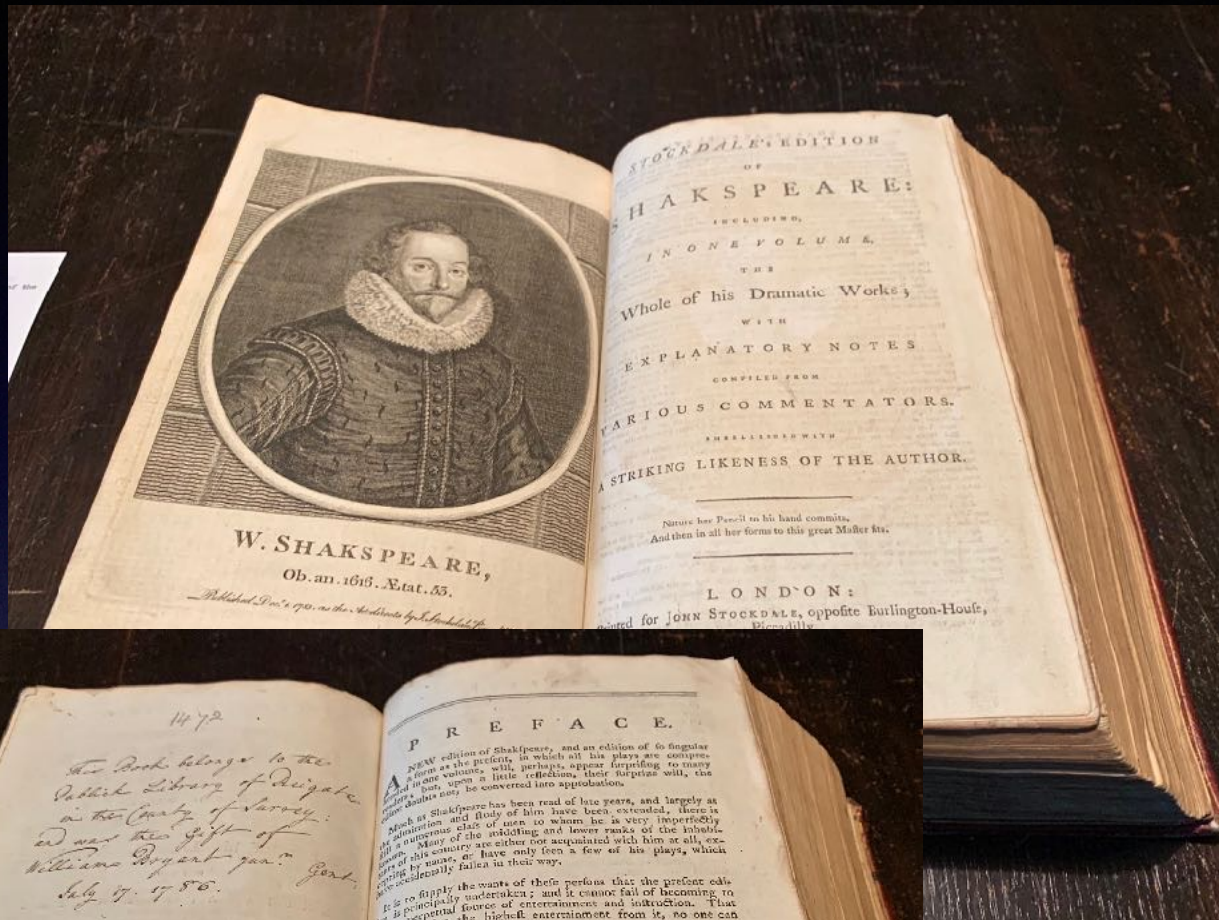


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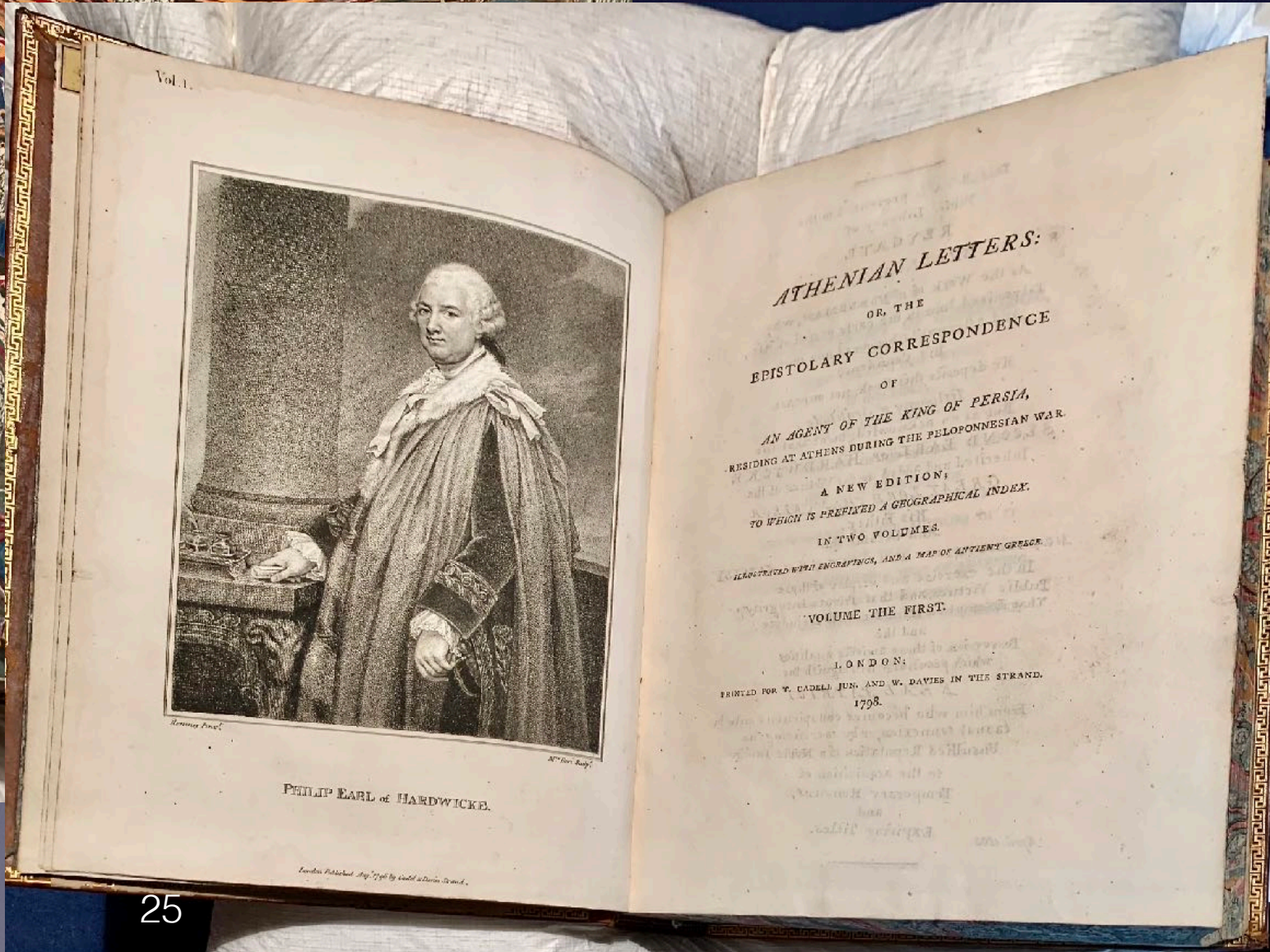
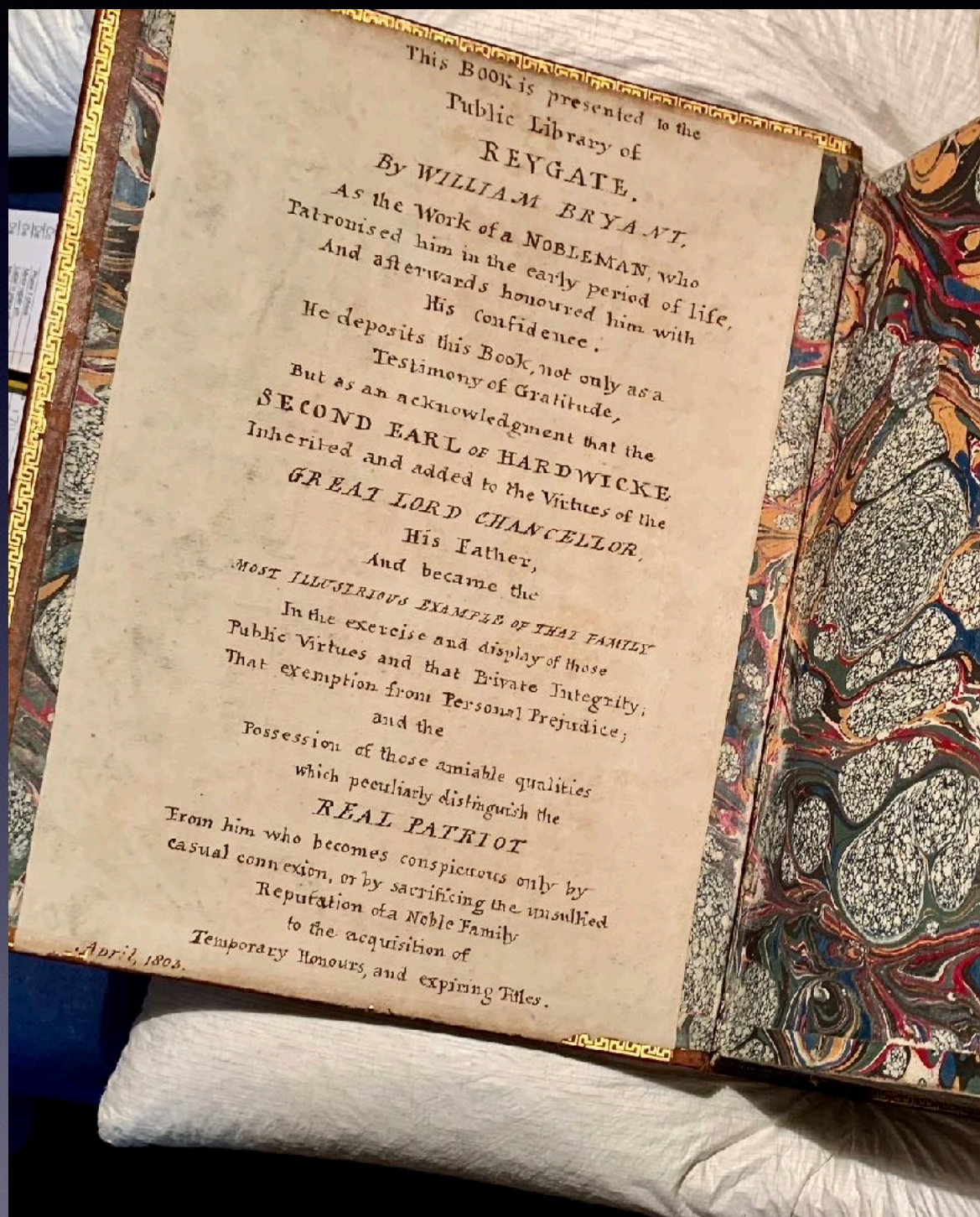
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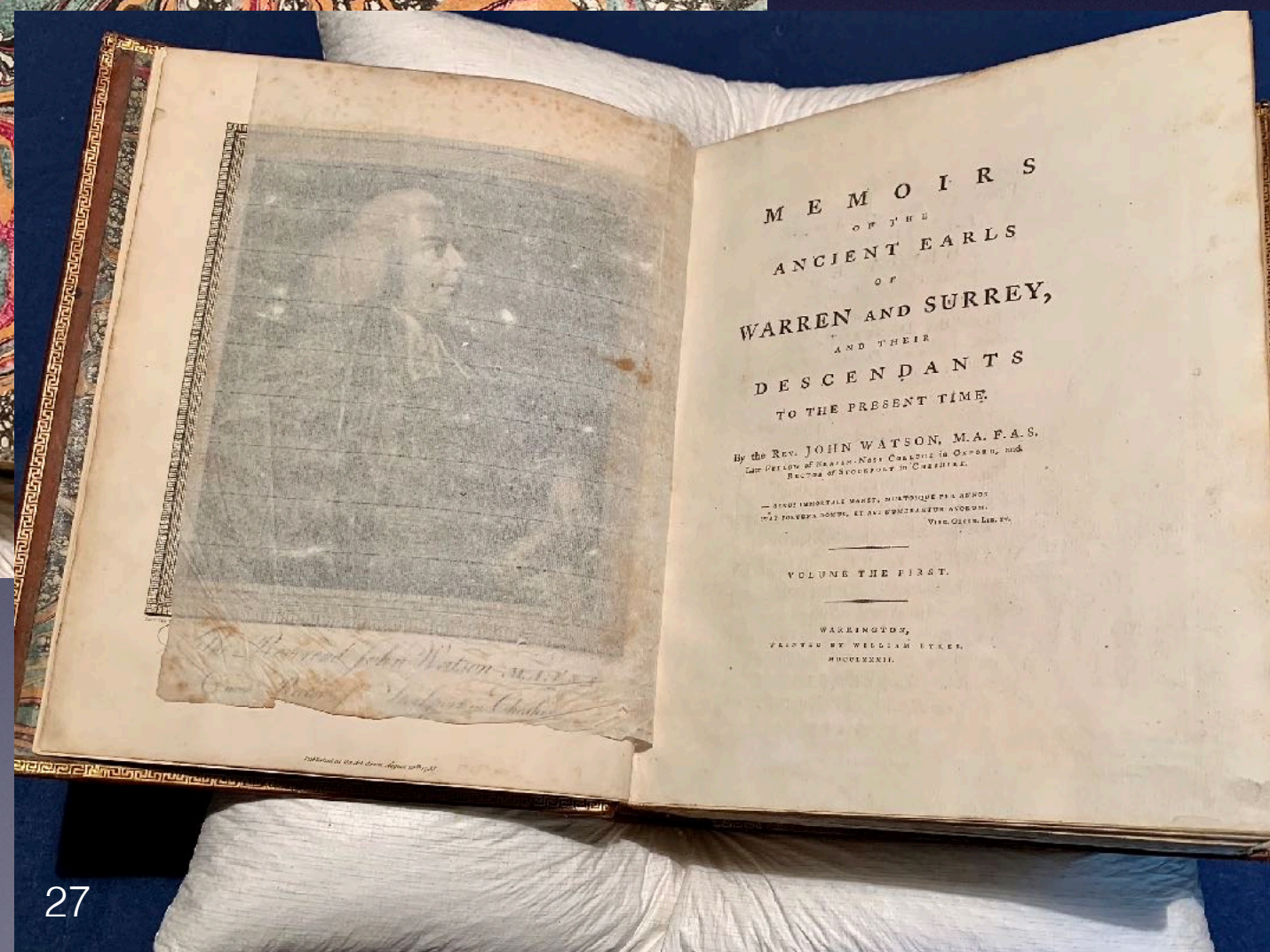
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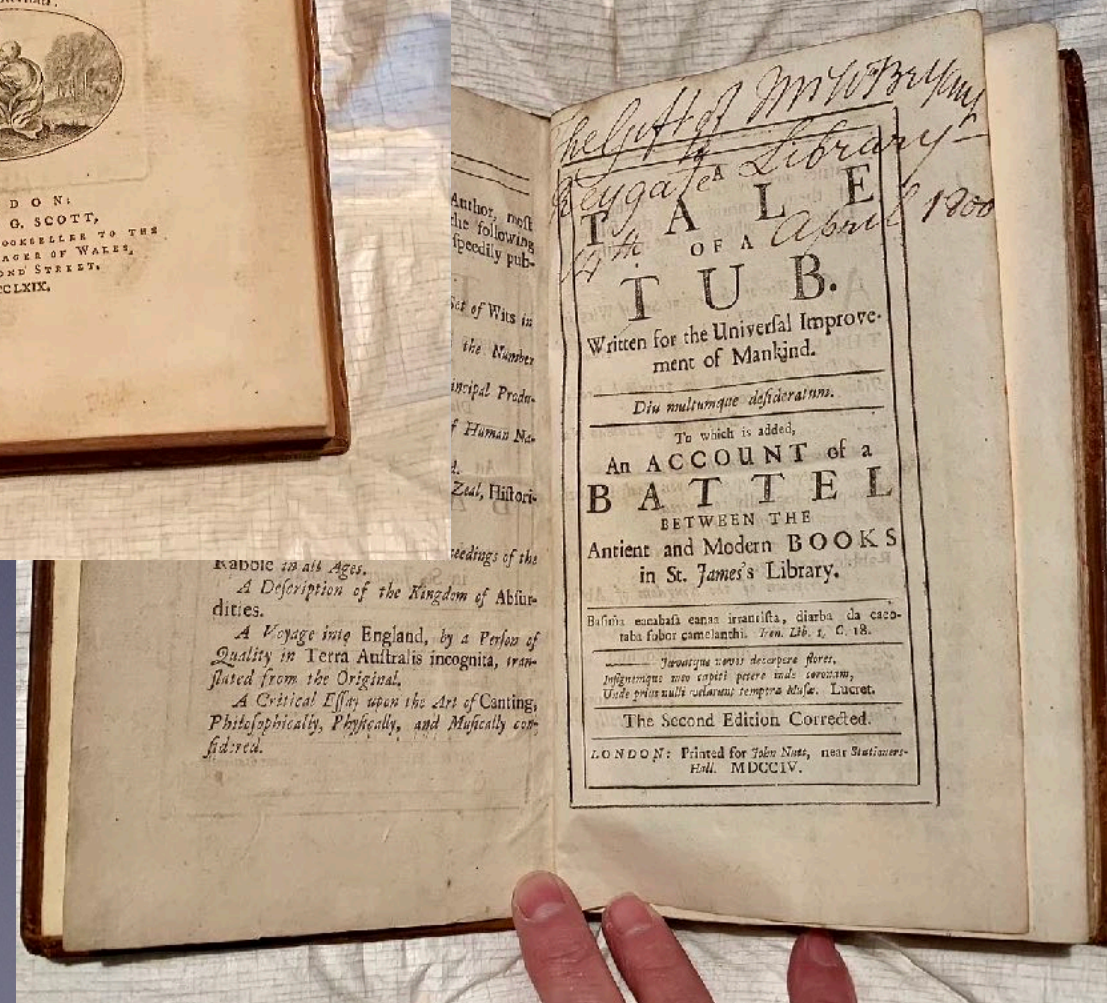
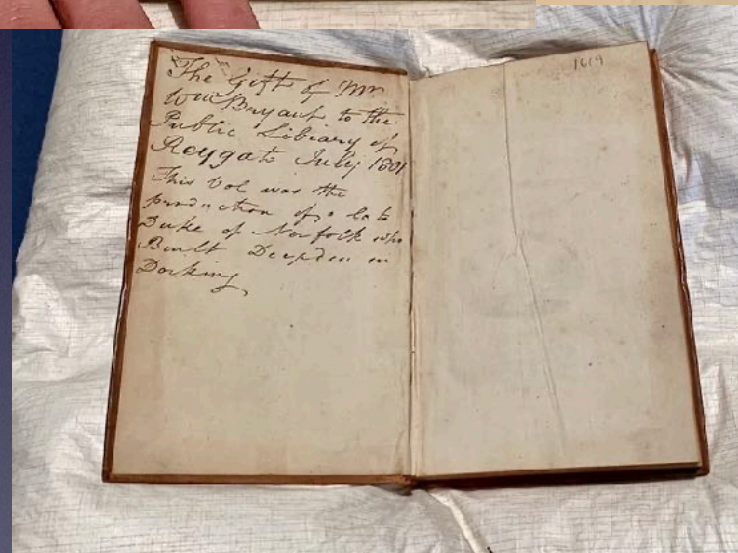
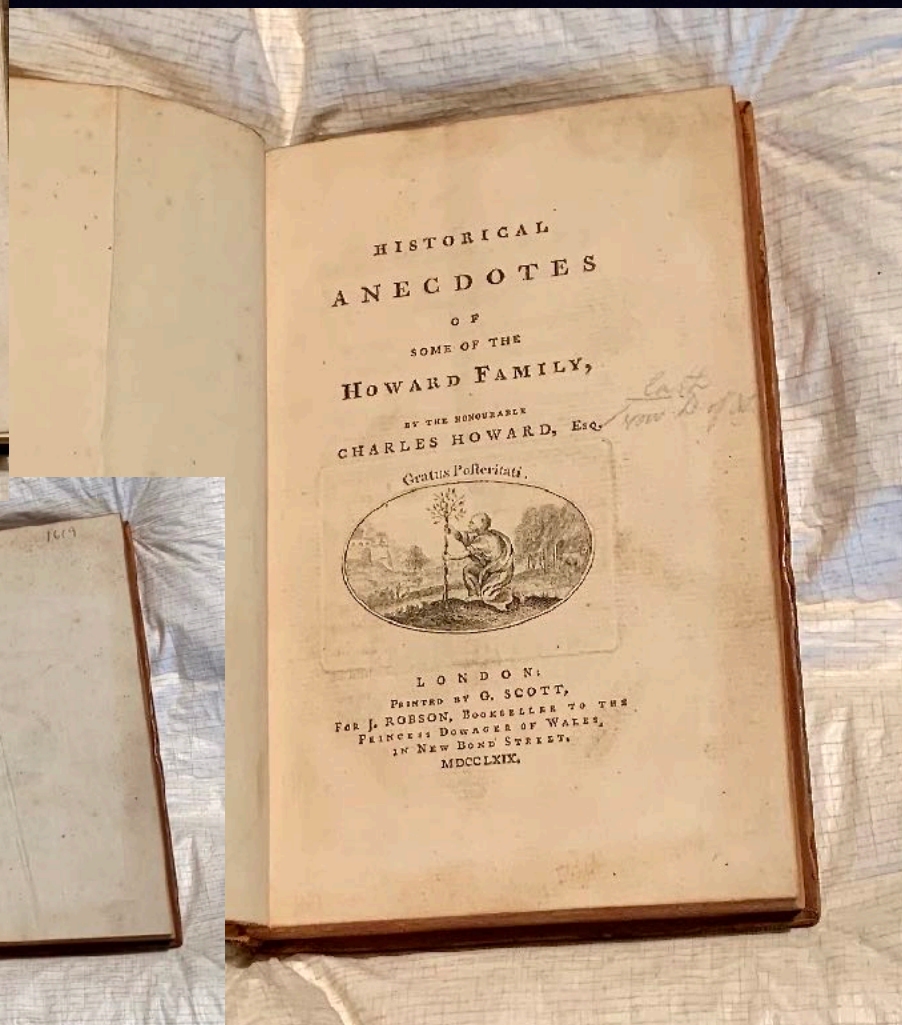
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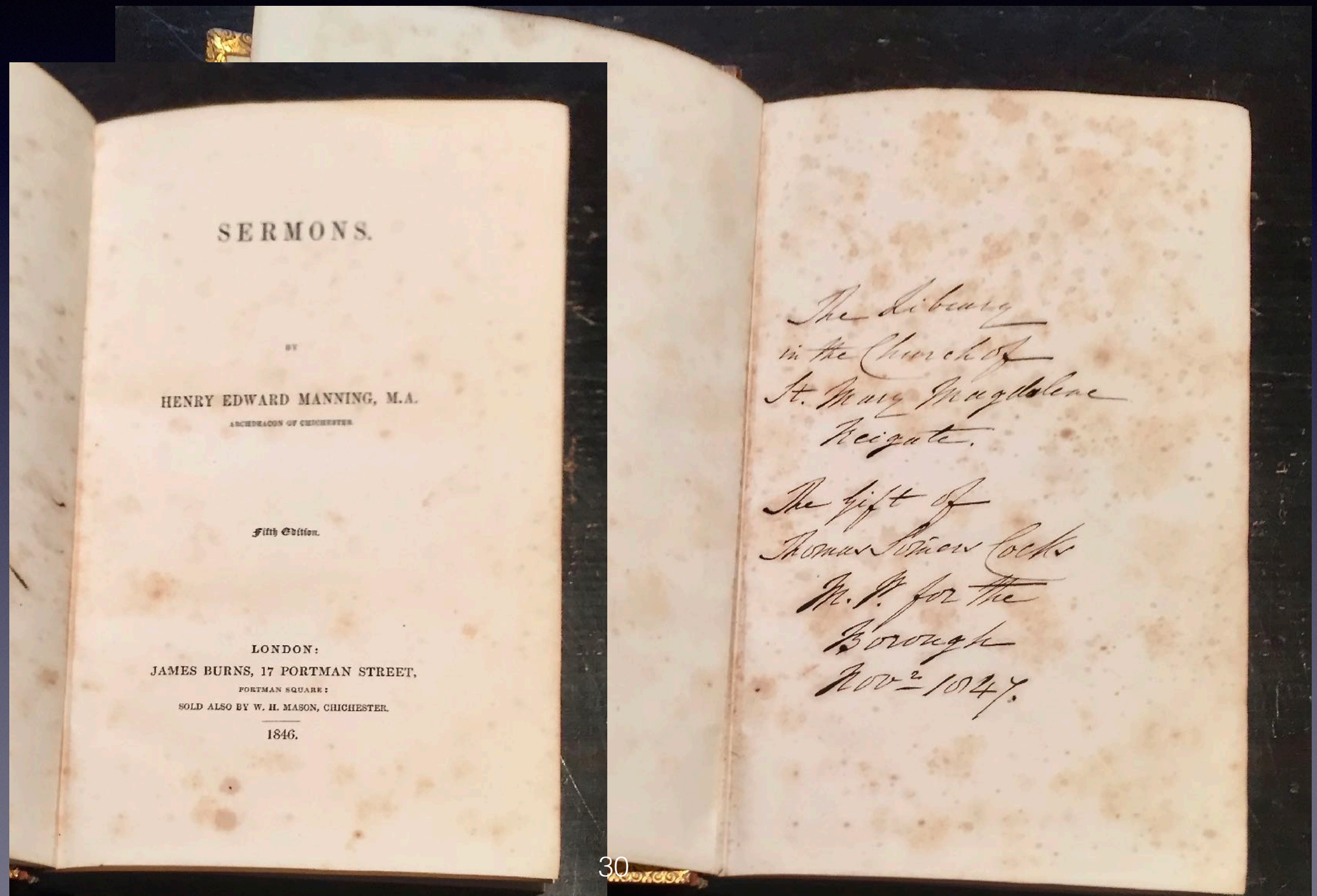


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CR1138-40 Cardinal Manning, *Sermons* (1846)
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J. Hassell: "Royal Library west end of Reigate Church" (1823)



Royal Library west end of Reigate Church 2.37

J. Hassell 1823

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The background of the slide is a photograph of a library. It shows several white-painted wooden bookshelves filled with numerous old, leather-bound books. The spines of the books are mostly dark brown or black, with some showing gold lettering. In the lower-left foreground, a portion of a dark wooden desk and a matching wooden chair with a curved back are visible. The overall atmosphere is that of a traditional, well-stocked library.

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