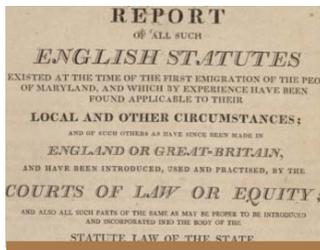
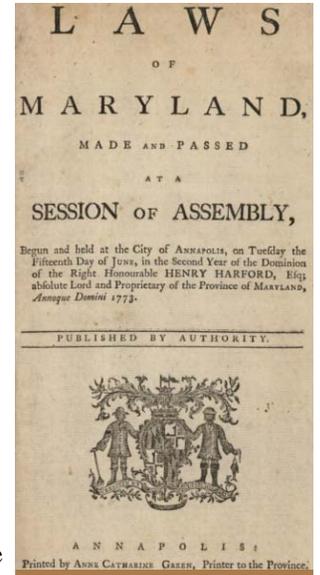
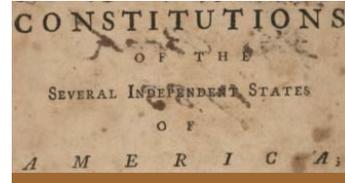


# Maryland State Law Library *On the Wall*

## *Highlights of the Special Collections Room*

***The Constitutions of the Several Independent States of America.***  
Philadelphia: Printed by Francis Bailey, 1781. (5" x 7")

This rare first edition is one of only 200 copies authorized and printed for the United States Congress. The volume contains constitutions of the original 13 states, as well as the Declaration of Independence, the Articles of Confederation, and the first treaty made between the United States and a foreign power (France, 1778). Although the imprint mentions Philadelphia, the book likely was printed in Lancaster, Pennsylvania, where the publisher and Congress had moved after the 1781 British occupation of Philadelphia.

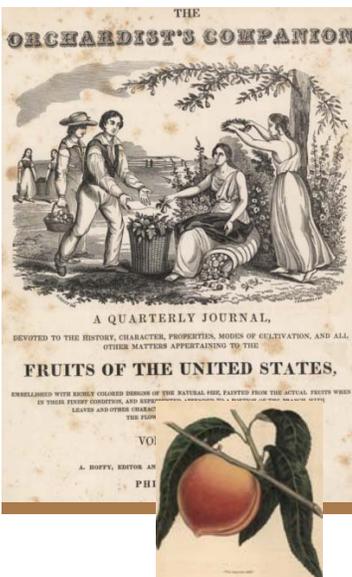


***A Report of All Such English Statutes as Existed at the Time of the First Emigration of the People of Maryland*** by William Kilty, Chancellor of Maryland. Annapolis: Printed by Jehu Chandler, 1811. (7.5" x 10")

William Kilty (1757-1821) was a surgeon, federal judge, and Chancellor of Maryland from 1806 through 1821. Because American law was based on the English model, this volume was a classic source used by Maryland's early legal community.

***Laws of Maryland Made and Passed at a Session of Assembly.*** Annapolis: Anne Catherine Green, 1773. (9.5" x 15")

This volume is an early example of Maryland session laws, a chronological arrangement of statutes passed by the Maryland General Assembly. Anne Catherine Green was married to Jonas Green, who published the *Maryland Gazette*, an influential colonial newspaper. After her husband's death, Anne Catherine Green continued to publish the newspaper and to build a successful business. She also obtained a continuance of her husband's contract as printer for the General Assembly, which subsequently was listed under her name.



***The Orchardist's Companion or Fruits of the United States: a Quarterly Journal.*** Philadelphia: A. Hoffy, 1841-43. (9.5" x 11")

This bound volume combines two issues of an agricultural journal that recorded the history and cultivation of fruit such as apples, peaches, and pears. The two volumes contain 47 color plates that show the flowers, fruits, and stones of various cultivars available in early nineteenth-century America.

***History of the Indian Tribes of North America with Biographical Sketches and Anecdotes of the Principal Chiefs*** by Thomas L. McKenney and James Hall. Philadelphia: E.C. Biddle, 1837. (20" x 14")

Thomas McKenney served for many years as the head of the United States Bureau of Indian Affairs. After being dismissed from his government post by President Andrew Jackson in 1830, McKenney traveled through North America, painting leaders of Native American tribes. His collaborator, James Hall, authored the accompanying text based on McKenney's travel notes. The Maryland State Law Library owns two volumes, although a full set encompasses three volumes. The hand-colored lithographs are considered to be some of the finest produced in nineteenth-century America. Most of McKenney's original paintings were destroyed during a tragic 1865 fire at the Smithsonian Institution.



**The Statutes at Large from the Twenty-fourth Year of King Henry the Eighth To the End of the Reign of King Charles the Second.** London: Printed by Thomas Baskett, 1758. (11" x 18")

This sizeable set provides a chronological arrangement of historical British law. Access to British legal materials would have been essential to the practice of law in Maryland during the colonial period and during early statehood. In addition to artistic flourishes on its title pages, the set is notable for its size and value to legal historians.

**Congressional Act "...that a mint shall be established under such regulations as shall be directed by law..."** signed by Thomas Jefferson, Secretary of State. (8" x 14")

The Maryland State Law Library owns a collection of 90 original Thomas Jefferson signatures, all inscribed inside a set of federal statutes presented to the State of Maryland by the early United States government. The signature pages have been professionally conserved to protect the paper from the potentially caustic effects of ferric oxide ink, commonly used during Jefferson's lifetime.

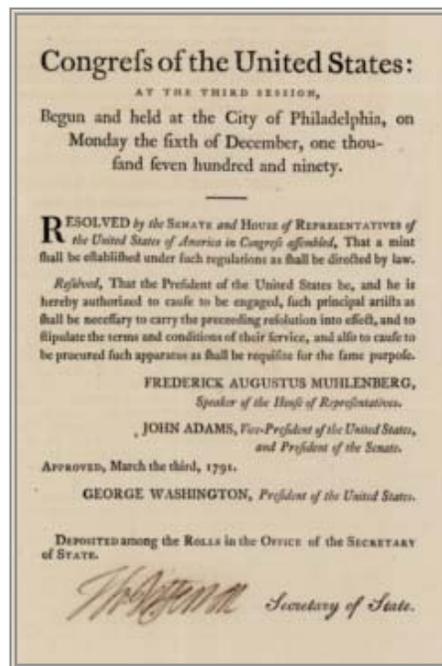
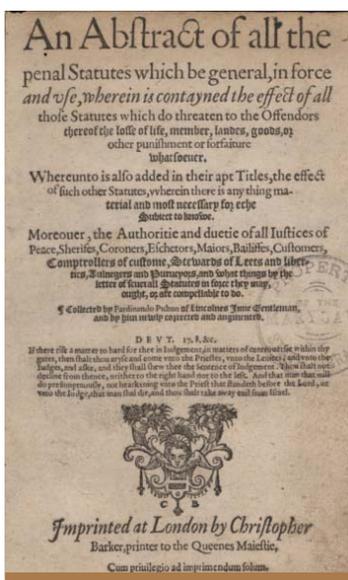


**The Reports of Sir Edward Coke.** London: Printed for the Societe of Stationers, 1607. (7" x 10")

Sir Edward Coke (1552-1634) was an eminent English jurist who served in Parliament and in several other legal posts during the reigns of Elizabeth I, James I, and Charles I. Eventually, Coke served as Chief Justice of the King's Bench. The *Reports* are a series of detailed commentaries on cases in English common law. This volume, written in legal French, is a very early edition of Coke's *Reports*.

**An Abstract of all the Penal Statutes which be general, in force and use...** by Ferdinando Pulton. London: Barker, 1579. (5" x 8")

Published in 1579, this volume is the oldest book in the Maryland State Law Library. The first edition was published in 1577, followed by 10 further editions through 1600. Ferdinando Pulton was a Jesuit priest who studied law in England and became a member of the Honourable Society of Lincoln's Inn. Because he was Roman Catholic, Pulton was prohibited from joining the English bar. Instead, he chose to edit an abstract of English penal statutes, arranged by topic and noting the reigning monarch at the time of enactment.



The Maryland State Law Library wishes to thank the conservation staff of the Maryland State Archives for their assistance in creating the archival quality displays in our Special Collections Room.

*Also on display...*

### **Ceremonial sword of Commander James Iredell Waddell, CSN, of the CSS Shenandoah**

The sword was manufactured by the London firm of Firmin & Sons, Ltd, for the Confederate States Navy. Commander Waddell was a graduate of the U.S. Naval Academy in Annapolis and first served as a Lieutenant in the U.S. Navy before resigning to join the Confederate States Navy. The Maryland State Law Library also holds an oil painting by John Dabour, which depicts the CSS Shenandoah, under the leadership of Commander Waddell, engaged in battle with a northern whaling fleet in Alaskan waters. The artist, John Dabour, was largely known as a society portrait painter, residing in Baltimore during part of his career.