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*Although the Holiday Season brings moments of joy even to Scrooges like me, there are times when the hype and shopping frenzy make me want to scream, “Get me outta here!”* Suspecting that others may share my feelings I have gathered a collection of 31 rare books containing accounts of travel to distant places. You may be stuck in a Twilight Zone of endless Xmas horror, but here’s your chance to free your soul and let your mind go wandering. Stretch out in a chair by the fire, pour yourself a glass of eggnog, and browse the virtual library presented within.

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1. Barrington, Hon. Daines. THE POSSIBILITY OF APPROACHING THE NORTH POLE ASSERTED. A NEW EDITION. WITH AN APPENDIX, CONTAINING PAPERS ON THE SAME SUBJECT, AND ON A NORTH WEST PASSAGE BY COLONEL BEAUFOY. Lon. 1818. b/w folding map. xxiv, 258, (4 pp. publisher’s catalog). pp. This is the second edition of a work first published in 1775, expanded from that first edition with additional information from whalenmen and other early voyagers to the north. Arctic Bib. 1092. A clean, untrimmed copy, bound in later half calf over marbled boards. Front hinge weak but holding. $500

2. Beechey, Frederick William. NARRATIVE OF A VOYAGE TO THE PACIFIC AND BEERING’S STRAIT... Lon. 1831. b/w folding maps and plates. Two vols. xxvi, (2), 472, 452 pp. An important voyage, as Beechey, in cooperation with Franklin and Parry, attempted to locate a Northwest passage. In the Pacific he discovered several islands and also visited Tahiti and Pitcairn, where he met John Adams, survivor of the Bounty mutiny. Adams’ lengthy account of the mutiny is included in Beechey’s narrative. “Beechey’s work provides an important account of Monterey and San Francisco before the American conquest” - Hill 93. Arctic Bib. 1228. This is the octavo edition, published the same year as the quarto “Admiralty” edition. Sturdily rebound in black cloth with gold spine lettering. Folding maps and plates in excellent condition. $1250
Arctic Whaling in the 1600s

3. (Bernard, Jean Frederic. Publisher). RECUEIL DE VOYAGES AU NORD, CANTENANT DIVERS MEMOIRES TRES UTILES AU COMMERCE ET LA NAVIGATION. Amsterdam. 1715. b/w folding maps, plates. 12mo. (6), xlv, (4), 116, 200 pp. First edition of first volume of Bernard’s four volume collection of polar travels, each of which stands alone. The contents of this volume are “Instructions pour Voiager Utilement,” and “Relation de L’Islande,” (which includes “Memoires pour ceux qui vont d la Peche de la Baleine,” with an excellent folding plate depicting 17th century Arctic whaling, taken from Martens’s 1675 relation of whaling in Spitsbergen - see Ingalls 10) and a long section on Greenland, followed by “Additions” to the whaling section. This copy conforms to Sabin 4935, except he cites titles in reverse order and calls for six plates and maps. This copy has eleven engraved full page and folding maps and plates. See also Jenkins, p. 80, citing a later edition. Bound in full period calf with raised bands and gilt panels. Front hinge cracked but holding. some of the maps misfolded, but a good copy of an important title. $500

Premium Copy

4. Bligh, William. A NARRATIVE OF THE MUTINY ON BOARD HIS MAJESTY’S SHIP BOUNTY; AND THE SUBSEQUENT VOYAGE OF THE CREW IN THE SHIP’S BOAT... Lon. 1790. b/w folding maps and plan. 4to, iv, 88 pp. First edition of what is arguably the greatest open-boat survival narrative in the literature of the sea. “This is Captain Bligh’s own account of the mutiny, one of the most remarkable incidents in the whole of maritime history. After the publication of his narrative, Bligh presented copies to the Lords of the Admiralty and other influential people in the hope that his account of the mutiny would absolve him from any blame that might have been leveled against him because of the incident.” - Hill 132. O’Reilly-Reitman 543. Mackaness p. 128 (and) IIa. Bound in antique-style half mottled calf over marbled boards. There are other copies available online, but they have imperfections of one sort or another, including serious flaws in their prices. This is a very clean, attractive copy, reasonably priced. $12500

5. Bougainville, Louis Antoine. A VOYAGE ROUND THE WORLD. PERFORMED BY ORDER OF HIS MOST CHRISTIAN MAJESTY, IN THE YEARS 1766, 1767, 1768 & 1769. Lon. 1772. b/w folding plates and charts. 4to. xxviii, 476 pp. First English edition, translated from the French edition of 1771 by John Reinhold Forster (though Hill attributes the translation to his son, Georg). This was the first French expedition to sail around the world, going first to the Falklands, then through the Straits of Magellan to Tahiti and across the Pacific. Culturally, it had enormous importance to the French, inspiring LaPerouse and seeming to validate Rousseau’s concept of the noble savage. This first English edition, as Hill

6. Brydone P(atrick). A TOUR THROUGH SICILY AND MALTA IN A SERIES OF LETTERS TO WILLIAM BECKFORD, ESQ. Lon. 1774. b/w folding map. 2 vols. xvi, 373, (3); xi, 355 pp. Tour of these strategic islands in the last years of the reign of the Knights of Malta. Lowndes praises the writing for its “liveliness of description of scenery and manners.” Cox says Fanny Burney liked it, but that Boswell criticized it because Brydone’s scientific observations about volcanoes were “anti-mosaical.” Lowndes p. 294. Cox I, p. 142-3. Third edition. This set is bound in full tree calf, with calf reback and original spine labels laid down. The map of Sicily and Malta, by Royal Hydrographer Kitchin, shows some offsetting, but is otherwise in excellent condition. $350

American Edition


8. (Clerke, Charles) and John Byron. A VOYAGE ROUND THE WORLD, IN HIS MAJESTY’S SHIP THE DOLPHIN COMMANDED BY THE HONORABLE COMMODORE LORD BYRON. (AND) THE NARRATIVE OF THE HONORABLE JOHN BYRON. Lon. 1767, 1768. b/w plates. Two vol. bound together. (4), 186;
The first volume of these two is an account of the famed voyage of discovery to the South Seas by John Byron, grandfather of Lord Byron, and inspiration for parts of the poet’s “Don Juan.” The authorship of this work is uncertain, but Hill and others ascribe it to Clerke, who was a midshipman under Byron on the *Dolphin*. “The true object of the voyage was not revealed until after the ships had left Rio de Janeiro. The *Dolphin* was specially fitted for the voyage and was the first vessel in the English Navy to be sheathed with copper.” They made a relatively fast circumnavigation of twenty-two months, in part because they made few landfalls. “Although the voyage was not noted for its discoveries, it stirred the Admiralty to fresh investigations of the South Seas.” Clerke’s account is noted mainly for its description of the Patagonian giants. It was also important for its description of the Straits of Magellan. Clerke would later go on to serve under Cook in all three of his voyages. This is the second edition. See Hill 311, Sabin 9732. Borba de Moraes, pp. 138-139. Presumably for comparative purposes, it is bound together with the second edition of Byron’s own narrative of his tour as midshipman aboard Anson’s famed voyage of the *Wager*, which also treats of Patagonian adventures. See Hill, 233. It lacks the frontispiece, but is otherwise complete. Both texts are in very good condition, bound together in contemporary full calf with gilt backstrip and original label laid down. Two vols. $1250

9. Dalrymple, Alexander. VOYAGES DANS LA MER DU SUD, PAR LES ESPAGNOLS ET LES HOLLANDOIS. Paris. 1774. b/w folding maps. xiv, (2), 502 pp. This is a French translation of Dalrymple’s work originally published four years earlier. It contains a preface by de Freville. “Also included herein is ‘Lettre de M. Dalrymple a M. Hawkesworth’ (p. 469-502). This is a translation of Dalrymple’s critical comments on Hawkesworth’s book” which were published separately in English and did not appear in the English edition mentioned above.” See Hill 411. Sabin 18344. The three folding maps (including a copy of an earlier map by Dampier) of the South Pacific done expressly for this edition are fresh and clean. Bound in contemporary mottled calf with gilt spine decoration, raised bands and spine label. Wear to spine ends, hinges cracked but holding. Still a handsome copy. $1000

10. Delano, Amasa. A NARRATIVE OF VOYAGES AND TRAVELS... Bos. 1817. b/w plates, one fldg. 598 pp. A remarkable book by this Duxbury sea captain whose Pacific voyages included stops at Palau, Hawaii, the Galapagos, Manila, Canton, Macao, New Guinea, Australia and the East Indies. His work was the source for Melville’s “Benito Cerino”, and his account of the *Bounty* was the first published in America. The folding plate on p. 135 is a chart of Pitcairn Island with recognition views inset. Hill 463. Howes D-233. Hunnewell p. 34. Judd. 51. Foxing and tanning throughout, but a good copy of this important narrative in a contemporary calf binding with original spine label, gold tooling and spine rules. Some wear to spine ends. $1250
11. Ellis, William. POLYNESIAN RESEARCHES, DURING A RESIDENCE OF NEARLY SIX YEARS IN THE SOUTH SEA ISLANDS. Lon. 1830. b/w folding map, ills. in text, engraved plates. 2 vol. xvi, 536; vii, 576 pp. Ellis served in the Pacific for the London Missionary Society from 1817 - 1825. This work relates mainly to Tahiti, with visits to Rio, New South Wales and New Zealand. This is the 1830 issue, apparently identical to the first, identified by Hill as “another issue.” Hill 550. O’Reilly & Reitman 7556. Scattered foxing throughout. Bound in half calf over cloth. $350

12. Forster, Georg. A VOYAGE ROUND THE WORLD, IN HIS BRITANNIC MAJESTY’S SLOOP, RESOLUTION, COMMANDED BY CAPT. JAMES COOK, DURING THE YEARS 1772, 3, 4 AND 5... Lon. 1777. b/w folding map. 2 vols. xviii, (2), 602 (1 errata); 607 pp. “Johann Reinhold Forster and Johann Georg Adam Forster, father and son, accompanied Cook’s second voyage as naturalists aboard the Resolution... It was intended that the elder Forster should write the official record of the voyage, but, after a dispute with the Admiralty concerning his emoluments, the offer was withdrawn. The Forsters then set to work writing a report of their own, based on Johann Reinhold’s journal and issued by Georg. This is an important and necessary addition to Cook’s voyages although the work has been criticized for its failure to acknowledge assistance derived from Cook’s journal. The Forster’s work was published before the official account.” - Hill 625. On this expedition Cook disproved the existence of a southern continent and was the first to cross the Antarctic Circle. See Spence, 464. Beddie, 1247. This is a clean copy in contemporary speckled calf, bindings tight. Edges of front blanks tanned from acidic binding glue. Outer inch of the title page in volume I has been cleanly cut away (as if to remove an old signature or inscription) with no loss of text. The large folding map in volume I is in good repair and shows only light offsetting. Backstrips somewhat darkened and slightly worn at spine ends. The labels, however, are quite handsome, and the set has a very nice appearance overall. $4000

13. Hall, Daniel Weston. ARCTIC ROVINGS: OR, THE ADVENTURES OF A NEW BEDFORD BOY ON SEA AND LAND. Bos. 1861. b/w frontispiece. 171 pp. plus advert. This New Bedford boy certainly had some adventures. In 1856 he shipped on the whaler Condor of New Bedford. After deserting in Siberia he joined the Daniel Wood, also of New Bedford, for the Hawaiian Islands, before he returned home on the Frances Henrietta. Hall’s narrative contains much hard factual matter, but is written in a highly dramatic manner, possibly because the account first appeared in embryonic form in the local New Bedford newspaper. Forster 469. Jenkins p. 106. Forbes 2422, who notes that Hall’s father won a lawsuit against his captain for abandoning the boy in the Arctic. Bound in original blindstamped cloth binding, with wear at spine ends, else a VG copy of a scarce whaling narrative. $450

14. Japanese Flag Books. COLLECTION OF 19TH CENTURY JAPANESE BOOKS ON FLAGS OF THE NATIONS. ALL JAPAN: AS BELOW, 1852-54. Prior to Perry's negotiations with Japan in 1854, access to Japan by foreigners was very limited, and vice versa. Nonetheless, these rare books record flags of nations across the world, including those from Asia, the Middle East, and America, giving the lie to the concept of an utterly isolated premodern Japan. This collection consists of four books from 19th century Japan, on the identification of flags of the world. Including:

Shoen, Shujin. Bankoku Kikan. [Picture book of the flags of all nations.] [Tokyo:
1854]. First edition, oblong 16mo (approx. 75 x 170 mm.); [46] French-fold leaves, each page generally with 3 hand-colored national and provincial flags within a ruled border and captioned in Japanese; 240 flags in all, including that of the United States; title-page printed in blue, yellow and orange; generally a fine copy in original blue wrappers sewn in the Oriental manner; in a blue cloth folding case. OCLC only at Yale.

Suzuki. Bankoku Kisho Zufu. [Picture book of the flags of all nations.] n.p. [Tokyo]: 1852. First edition, 8vo, 48 double-fold pages; text printed in blue and black; illustrated throughout with 299 hand-colored flags, standards, banners and ensigns of various nations and provinces, including the United States; original green wrappers, old ink titling on cover in orange, title-page printed on red paper and used as front pastedown; title label is half gone; text is otherwise very good. 3 in OCLC

Matsui, Nantai. Bankoku Hakki Zufu. [Picture book of the flags of all nations.] n.p. [Tokyo]: 1852. First edition, 8vo (265 x 182 mm.), 48 double-fold pages; illustrated throughout with 267 hand-colored flags, standards, banners and ensigns of various nations and provinces, including the United States; includes 7 illustrations of signal flags at mastheads; original tan wrappers, printed paper label on cover; persistent worming throughout, mostly confined to the margins but occasionally touching an illustration or caption, all of them neatly filled; otherwise very good. Contained in a blue cloth folding case. One copy in OCLC

Naigai Kokkisho [National flags of the world.] Kyoto: Kyoto Newspaper, n.d., [ca. 1880s]. 12mo, pp. [16]; self wrappers soiled; internally very good. Includes 90 hand-colored flags from around the world, including 40 from Asia, 28 from Europe, 8 from Africa, 10 from North and South America (including the United States), and 4 from the Pacific Islands. Not found in OCLC. The lot $9500

15. Johnson, Samuel, Christopher Smart & Oliver Goldsmith (eds.) THE WORLD DISPLAYED OR, A CURIOUS COLLECTION OF VOYAGES AND TRAVELS, SELECTED FROM THE WRITERS OF ALL NATIONS. 1760 - 1774. b/w engraved plates, maps. Twenty vols. 16mo., various paginations. A complete and uniformly bound set composed of volumes from the first through fourth editions. Sabin 105485 notes, “Vols. 1-6 have special American interest” - they cover early Spanish and English forays to the Americas. Subsequent volumes report exploits of Anson, da Gama, Middleton, Thevenot, Hanway, and many others, principally with travels in the Pacific, far east and orient, but also, in Vol 10, “Voyage of Capt. Thomas James for the discovery of a North-West Passage to the South-Seas,” and “The Voyage of Henry Ellis, Gent. for the Discovery of a North-West Passage to the South-Seas.” Cox I, p. 17, notes that the publisher, Newbery, also published other
works by Johnson and Goldsmith. J.D. Fleeman, Johnson’s bibliographer states, regarding this set, “Few, if any, sets are of uniform edition or issuance.” Bound in quarter calf over marbled boards with red spine labels. Backstrips, spine ends, and boards rubbed. Text, plates, and folding maps clean and fresh, with no foxing or staining. All vols. from the library of Thomas Boddington, with his engraved bookplate. $1500

16. Kolff, D.H. VOYAGES OF THE DUTCH BRIG OF WAR DOURGA, THROUGH THE SOUTHERN AND LITTLE-KNOWN PARTS OF THE MOLUCCAN ARCHIPELAGO, AND ALONG THE PREVIOUSLY UNKNOWN SOUTHERN COAST OF NEW GUINEA... Lon. 1840. b/w map. xxiv, 365 pp. This expedition was sent out by the Dutch to investigate the massacre of the crews of British supply vessels in 1824. “Kolff wrote of explorations made in the Molucca and Java Seas to Timor, the Serawatti Islands, Lakor Island, the Arru Islands, the Tanimbar Islands, and New Guinea.” - Hill 941. Kolff has much to say about the natives of these exotic places, fisheries, watercraft and marine fauna. An uncut copy newly bound in calf over marbled boards with gilt spine decorations and spine label. An attractive copy in an excellent state of preservation. $750

Proto-Typee with an Account of Scrimshanding

17. Manuscript. WHALING JOURNAL, SHIPS ABIGAIL, ARMATA AND STATIRA. 1843 - 1847. Folio, about 120 pp. manuscript entries. In August 1844, Francis Gibbons, of Delaware, was enticed by a “runner” into one of the “many nooks which may be found along Water Street in New York,” and talked into signing aboard the whaleship Armata, out of New London. He relates his early days as a “Greenie” and gives a close description of his surroundings and life aboard ship. They took on supplies at the Azores, then headed around the Horn for the Indian Ocean. When they reached the Marquesas, he and another man deserted the Armata and her “despotic” captain, hiding in the hills until the ship was gone. They were taken in by natives, and Gibbons gives an excellent view of the place and its people. The chief gave them “wives” and a “wedding,” all carefully recorded in this journal. He describes the tribe, and how they are at war with people from the other side of the bay. Eventually, although he was becoming increasingly fond of his “Doxie,” he signed aboard the American whaleship Abigail of New Bedford for a 150th lay, a $2 advance, and an agreement that he might leave when he wished. The entire Marquesan interlude - about 6300 words in length - is utterly fascinating, both on its own merits and because of its remarkable similarity to Herman Melville’s first book, Typee, based on Melville’s experiences here just two years before Gibbons’s account, but not published until 1846.

Once onboard the Abigail, Gibbons gives a complete crew list and begins his account of that voyage. Almost immediately they encountered whales and Gibbons provides full and well written accounts of the action, including a small 12 barrel whale that stove two boats, and “the largest Sperm Whale I ever saw,” good for 95 barrels. The journal continues in this manner through the summer of 1845, documenting vessels spoken and more whaling action, as well as the tense political situation aboard ship, on account of “jealousy existing among the officers.” They spent August in the Galapagos, and Gibbons again provides superlative descriptions of the islands, the wildlife and such romantic scenes as the lonely grave of a young sailor who has died there years before. Then on to Paita, where Gibbons and his mates went ashore, each with $1 “Liberty money.” The usual desertions ensued, and the Abigail, hard pressed to recruit new men, sailed to Tombez for men and water. Back through the Galapagos and into the Pacific where, in November, Gibbons writes, “I shall now attempt a feeble description of the manner of taking the Sperm Whale.” This feeble description goes on for four folio pages of tight, precise penmanship, and covers all phases of the operation. Tensions were increasing all the while, and at the end of
November the captain and the mate had it out, the mate, of course, coming up short. They cruised in the Pacific all winter, and Gibbons tells of his depression, “which I endeavour to conceal as much as possible.” No whales and long days in the mid-Pacific, “the Mate and boatsteerers tinkering with the Carpenter’s tools, files etc, upon their several different Bone Curiosities” - scrimshanding. They reached Maui in April. Gibbons, restless and depressed, left the ship.

The Gibbons portion of the journal ends here, after 63 pages. The entries are then taken up in another hand in March 1847 by a sailor aboard the Statira of New Bedford. His entries are shorter, and his handwriting worse, but he still conveys all the action as the ship departs Maui and heads to the Pacific Northwest, where they engaged in the right whale fishery - with some success. His account contains good descriptions of whaling and shipboard activities. It is 40 pages in length and ends May 1848, off Block Island.

Both journal keepers list crewmembers, whales taken by each boat, and ships spoken. At the end of the book is a last word from Gibbons - an account of expenses at Lahaina, November 1846. This is followed by several poems written by Gibbons to his Abigail shipmate, George Colehamer. The only illustration in the book is a watercolor by Colehamer of a tryworks, a sperm whale and whaling tools, captioned by Gibbons, “Painted by my friend George A. Colehamer off the coast of Columbia, in South America, in November 1845.”

This is a remarkable and historically valuable account of sperm whaling, scrimshanding, and life on the Marquesas, bound with a second journal of right whaling in the Pacific Northwest. With a full page watercolor made by a whaleman.

Boards detached and sewing broken, with many pages loose. There are a few excised pages, but no pages are missing from the Armata or Abigail sections. $8500

Fundamental!

18. Meares, John. VOYAGES MADE IN THE YEARS 1788 AND 1789, FROM CHINA TO THE NORTH COAST OF AMERICA. TO WHICH ARE PREFIXED, AN INTRODUCTORY NARRATIVE. Lon. 1790. Twenty-eight b/w engraved plates and maps. 4to. vii, (12), xcv, (1), 372 (108) pp. First edition of “one of the early and fundamental books on the Northwest coast of America... In addition to his voyages from China to
America in 1788 and 1789, which form the principal part of this work, Captain Meares also describes his earlier voyage to the northwest coast from Bengal.” Lada-Mokarski 46. During his second voyage, Meares assembled the *Northwest America*, the first ship to be launched in northern waters. He explored the Strait of Juan de Fuca, Port Cox, and Port Effingham, and narrowly missed discovering the Columbia, which he observed but named Deception Bay. His discoveries were the basis for Britain’s claims on the northwest. Spain’s seizure of Meares’ ships and disputation of his claim brought about the famed Nootka Sound Controversy, which nearly resulted in war between the two countries. This account “also gives a full account of the Indian nations of Northwest America, describing their villages, languages, manners, and customs.” - Hill 1126. See also Howes, M469, Forbes 201 (one of Meares’ ships went to Hawaii), Streeter 3491. Bound in full mottled calf, blind-stamped on front and back boards with raised bands, gilt tooling and spine label. Text clean, occasional mild tanning or offsetting to plates. Copies frequently appear with fewer plates and maps. This one has the folding plate of the Philippines not present in all copies. $9500

**Source for Poe’s Arthur Gordon Pym**

19. Morrell, Capt. Benjamin, jun. *A NARRATIVE OF FOUR VOYAGES, TO THE SOUTH SEA, NORTH AND SOUTH PACIFIC OCEAN, CHINESE SEA, ETHIOPIIC AND SOUTHERN ATLANTIC OCEAN, INDIAN AND ANTARCTIC OCEAN, FROM THE YEAR 1822 TO 1831... NY. 1853. b/w frontis. xxvii-492, (4 pages publisher’s ads) pp. Morrell was a resourceful sealer who pioneered many South Seas routes. “His narrative is of great interest and is one of the earliest first-hand records of many South Sea islands... this work is the source from which Edgar Allen Poe derived his famous *Narrative of Arthur Gordon Pym*.” However, he was also known as “the biggest liar in the Pacific.” - Hill 1186. Judd 130. Jenkins p. 129. Howes M-818. The book was first published in 1832. There was a subsequent edition in 1841, and then this one, all with the same pagination. Worldcat shows this to be the scarcest of the three, with only five libraries holding copies. Small oval blindstamp on title page. Remains of card pocket on back free endpaper. Otherwise a good copy, bound in quarter calf over boards. $500

20. Pages, Pierre Marie Francois. *VOYAGES AUTOUR DU MONDE, ET VERS LES DEUX POLES, PAR TERRE ET PAR MER... Paris. 1782. fldg. b/w charts and plates. 2 vols. 432; 272 pp. Pages began his journey by traveling to New Orleans. From there he explored the Louisiana Territory, Texas and Mexico. He then sailed the Manila galleon to Guam and the Philippines; to Batavia, Java, Bombay, and Muscat. Thence to Persia, Mesopotamia, Syria, Lebanon and Palestine, and up the Mediterranean to Marseilles. The folding charts published with the work illustrate the route of his travels, featuring his approaches to Arctic and Antarctic waters; the Gulf of Mexico, with his route through Texas and Louisiana; the Indian Ocean and coast of India around Bombay; the Persian Gulf and Red Sea; Syria and Palestine; and Spitsbergen. The folding plate of whaling operations is pictured and described in Ingalls, *Whaling Prints in the Lothrop Collection*. See also Hill p. 526-7. Howes P-13 “aa.” Spence 887. Jenkins p. 134. A scarce and important narrative, of particular interest for its American, Arctic, Antarctic and whaling content. This is a first edition of Pages’ work, and a prime copy, bound in speckled calf with raised bands and spine labels. Text clean and folding plate and maps in excellent condition. 2 vols. $2500
21. Parry, Captain William Edward. *NARRATIVE OF AN ATTEMPT TO REACH THE NORTH POLE, IN BOATS FITTED FOR THE PURPOSE, AND ATTACHED TO HIS MAJESTY'S SHIP HECLA, IN THE YEAR MDCCCXXVII, UNDER THE COMMAND OF CAPTAIN WILLIAM EDWARD PARRY*. Lon. 1828. b/w plates and maps. 4to. xxii, (1), 229 pp. First edition of an important book in the literature of the search for a Northwest passage. “Parry’s narrative includes the journal of the voyage and the sledge-boat trip, descriptions of the ice conditions encountered by the *Hecla*... and by the ice party during their northward march. Notes on the conditions of travel over the ice, a list of supplies and equipment for the boats, mention of the snow-blindness, chilblains, etc., suffered by the men, and the red snow, animals, and birds observed.” Arctic Bib. 13146. Bound in original half leather over boards, rubbed. Front hinge cracked but holding. Title page and frontispiece are foxed, as are the other maps and plates, with some offsetting, and transfer of foxing to facing pages. Still, this is a good copy of a desirable book. The text is mostly clean and the large folding map at back is in excellent condition, with only minor offsetting. $1200

22. Rogers, Woodes. *A CRUISING VOYAGE ROUND THE WORLD...* Lon. 1718. b/w folding maps. xix, 428, 57, (7) pp. “This work may be considered a buccaneering classic. With William Dampier as pilot, Captain Woodes Rogers’ privateering expedition set sail from Bristol. After sailing down the coast of Brazil and rounding Cape Horn, she made for the deserted island of Juan Fernandez... There Rogers rescued the celebrated Alexander Selkirk... The expedition then cruised the coast of Peru, taking various prizes, reached California, and crossed the Pacific to Asia.”—Hill 1479. It is generally supposed that Daniel Defoe based his *Robinson Crusoe* on this work, since it is the first to describe Selkirk’s adventure. This is the second “Corrected” edition of a book first published in 1712. It contains 5 folding maps by Moll and Senex, and an expanded appendix. Ink lines at bottom of title page and dedication, not obscuring any text. A clean copy bound in contemporary full calf “Cambridge style” binding, rebacked to match with gilt spine decorations, raised bands, and red spine label. Outer hinges and spine ends scuffed. $2500
23. Signor Pananti. NARRATIVE OF A RESIDENCE IN ALGIERS; COMPRISING A GEOGRAPHICAL AND HISTORICAL ACCOUNT OF THE REGENCY; BIOGRAPHICAL SKETCHES OF THE DEY AND HIS MINISTERS; ANECDOTES OF THE LATE WAR; OBSERVATIONS ON THE RELATIONS OF THE BARBARY STATES WITH THE CHRISTIAN POWERS; AND THE NECESSITY AND IMPORTANCE OF THEIR COMPLETE SUBJUGATION. Lon. 1818. Color frontis. folding b/w map, plan. 4to. xxx, 467, (4 ads.) pp. “With notes and illustrations by Edward Blaquiere.” Pananti was in a good position to observe the country and its people in an intimate way, having been captured by Algerian pirates, sold into slaver, and ransomed. After this exciting start he goes into great detail about social, political and economic conditions prevailing in the country. His account ends with a plea for European colonization of Northern Africa. Abbey, Travel. 320. A good, untrimmed copy, some tanning in gutter. Rebound in antique style calf over marbled boards. $1500

Voyage of the Wager Three Years Before Anson’s Account

24. Thomas, Pascoe. A TRUE AND IMPARTIAL JOURNAL OF A VOYAGE TO THE SOUTH SEAS, AND ROUND THE GLOBE IN H.M. SHIP CENTURION UNDER THE COMMAND OF GEORGE ANSON. Lon. 1745. (14), 347, 39 pp. “Pascoe Thomas kept a full and faithful daily journal of the incidents of this important four-year circumnavigation. Included are an appendix giving an account of the treasure taken from the Nuestra Signora del Buono Carmella and an interesting list of subscribers’ names. This narrative preceded the publication of Richard Walter’s official account of Lord Anson’s voyage by three years.” - Hill 1693. A very nice copy in contemporary calf, rebacked to match. $1500

25. (Tyssot de Patot, Simon) VOYAGES ET AVANTURES DE JAQUES MASSÉ. Bordeaux. 1710 12mo. (6), 508 pp. Tyssot was a free thinking Hugenot who wrote this imaginary voyage to Australia as a satire on contemporary mores and religious beliefs. Gove’s The Imaginary Voyage commends this work for “the use of real voyages for authenticated realism of setting.” - p. 97. Tyssot’s novel draws on Tavernier, and Lahontan among others, and has been seen as a French Robinson Crusoe. First edition, bound in full calf with raised bands and spine label. Scarce in the trade. $500

26. Vancouver, Captain George. A VOYAGE OF DISCOVERY TO THE NORTH PACIFIC OCEAN, AND ROUND THE WORLD; IN WHICH THE COAST OF NORTH-WEST AMERICA HAS BEEN CAREFULLY EXAMINED AND ACCURATELY SURVEYED... PERFORMED IN THE YEARS 1790, 1791, 1792, 1793, 1794 AND 1795... Lon. 1801. b/w folding charts and plates. Six volumes, various paginations. Second, corrected, edition, first octavo edition. Vancouver served with Cook on his second and third voyages. According to Hill, he “was made commander of a grand-scale expedition to reclaim Britain’s rights, resulting from the Nootka convention... This voyage became one of the most important ever made in the interests of geographical knowledge. Vancouver sailed by way of Cape of Good Hope to Australia where he discovered King George’s Sound and Cape Hood, then to New Zealand, Hawaii, and the northwest coast of America. In three seasons work Vancouver surveyed the coast of California, visited San Francisco and San Diego (one of the folding charts, dated 1798, depicts the port of San Diego)... and disproved the existence of any passage between
the Pacific and Hudson Bay.” Following Vancouver’s untimely death, the work was assembled by his brother John, assisted by Captain Peter Puget. This second edition, like the first, has become scarce. Hill 1754. Howes V-23. Forbes 335.

Complete and in very good condition, bound in half morocco over marbled boards by Sangorski and Sutcliffe. Charts have a few short tears at folds, but are crisp and clean, as are the plates. Complete with two large folding charts and seventeen plates. Six volumes $6500

27. Von Sack, Baron Albert. A NARRATIVE OF A VOYAGE TO SURINAM; OF A RESIDENCE THERE DURING 1805-1807; AND OF THE AUTHOR’S RETURN TO EUROPE BY THE WAY OF NORTH AMERICA. Lon. 1810. b/w engraved title, plates, map. 4to. x, (1), 232 pp. Written as a series of letters, beginning with a tour of Barbados, moving on to a discussion of the topography and physical appearance of Surinam, cultivation of various cash crops and methods of working the soil, discussion of the slave trade and its abolition, political and natural history of Surinam, with an appendix containing “additional notes and observations on the natural history of Surinam.” Stedman’s work of a few years earlier is the primary source for information about Surinam in this era, and Von Sack refers to him occasionally. However, most of his observations are original. This country had already been colonized for 150 years by the Dutch, with plantations and slave labor producing coffee, sugar and cotton. Paramaribo was an important port for Yankee traders (including those from my home town of Gloucester). Although abolition of the slave trade was Von Sack’s underlying motive for this book, it conveys a great deal of original information about the country and its people. Bound in 19th century calf over marbled boards. Pages tanned, with occasional foxing, water stain in lower corner of first few pages, still a very good copy of a scarce book. NEWS FLASH - Front board detached. I just broke it! Priced accordingly at $850

28. Warren, T. Robinson. DUST AND FOAM. NY. and Lon. 1859. b/w frontis. title page vignette. xiii, 11-397 pp. plus 4 pages adverts. The author sets off for California gold and, according to Cowan “Relates his experiences in the mines.” Then he travels on to the Sandwich Islands, China, Australia, and Tahiti. Cowan p. 670. Smith W-36 Howes W-123. Judd 185. Ferguson, 18202. A sprightly and amusing account. This is a bit of a curiosity. It has a second, engraved, title page inserted, bearing the New York and London imprint, and a small engraving entitled “My little Maria signaling her consort the Caroline.” Some cover wear, but a very good copy. $200
29. Wilkes, Charles. NARRATIVE OF THE UNITED STATES EXPLORING EXPEDITION DURING THE YEARS 1838, 1839, 1840, 1841, 1842. NY. 1856. may 14 b/w plates, ills. folding charts. 5 vols. various paginations. A landmark in American exploration, these are the records of the first U.S. government-sponsored exploring expedition. Besides establishing the U.S. as a global power, it returned a wealth of scientific detail and nearly as much controversy. This is a later edition, the first having been published a decade previously. However, it has the taller format of earlier editions. The engravings in this set are particularly sharp and strong. See Haskell 13 and 7. A tall, clean, bright copy attractively bound in half calf over marbled boards with red and black spine labels and gilt decoration. $1750

30. Wilson, William. A MISSIONARY VOYAGE TO THE SOUTHERN PACIFIC OCEAN, PERFORMED IN THE YEARS 1796, 1797, 1798, IN THE SHIP DUFF, COMMANDED BY CAPTAIN JAMES WILSON. Lon. 1799. b/w plates, maps. 4to. c, 410, 12 (subscribers list) pp. The Duff was the first missionary vessel to sail into the unknown Pacific, and the missionaries made many important discoveries ancillary to their religious purposes. “The voyage of the Duff was undertaken for the purpose of establishing a mission in Tahiti, and a settlement of twenty-five persons was formed... They met with continual difficulties because of the civil wars, and were finally forced to flee to Australia... The voyagers made many important discoveries of Islands... The long ‘preliminary discourse’ was anonymously written by Samuel Greatheed, using the then-unpublished narrative of James Morrison, one of the pardoned Bounty mutineers.” This is the first, large paper, Gosnell edition. It features seven maps and six engraved plates. See Hill, 1894, 1895, and Ferguson 301,302 for the two states of this work. Bound in worn contemporary calf, re-backed, with original spine label laid down. Text and plates are clean and fresh $1250