



## Rare Books, Manuscripts, Maps & Photography (549)

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### Lot 10

Estimate: £1000 - £1500 +Fees

#### CATANEO, PIETRO I QUATTRO PRIMI LIBRI DI ARCHITETTURA

Venice: in casa de' figliuoli di Aldo, 1554. First edition, folio, printer's device on the titlepage and on the verso of the last leaf, wood cut historiated initials, with 44 woodcuts, of which 6 are full page, 19th century half parchment, marbled boards, morocco lettering pieces, corners and edges worn, front and rear modern free endpapers, marginal water stain on ff. 10 & 11, and ff. 41-50, with the book plates of John and Michael Bury

**Note:** USTC 819671; Renouard p. 159 no 8. The first book treats of the siting and laying out of cities with their fortification; the second of building materials; the third outlines the principles of ecclesiastical architecture while the last gives plans for palazz. Cataneo's work on the design of cities was influential, having been cited by Andrea Palladio and elaborated on by Scamozzi and Vasari. His plan for an 'ideal city' is said to have influenced Richard Newcourt's proposal for the rebuilding of London after the Great Fire, as well as the design of cities such as Philadelphia and Savannah.