



Rare Books, Maps, Manuscripts & Photographs (562)

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Lot 257

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THROCKMORTON, FRANCIS (1554-1584) - [MARY QUEEN OF SCOTS - THE THROCKMORTON PLOT] OVIDIUS NASO (PUBLIUS) METAMORPHOSEON LIBRI XV. VENICE: ALDUS, FEBRUARY, 1516

8vo, Aldine device on both titles and at end, Francis Throckmorton's copy, inscribed "Francis Throckmorton his book" on final leaf, bookplate of the Prussian Bibliotheca Disnevsciana, later vellum, lettered in ink on spine, soiled, [Renouard, p.78; Adams 482], single wormhole to final 48 leaves, a few ink annotations including ornament to one initial on a2

Note: Francis Throckmorton's copy, inscribed on the colophon "Francis Throckmorton his Book". Francis Throckmorton (1554-1584) was the 3rd son of John (of Feckenham) Throckmorton, Chief Justice of Chester. In December 1583 Francis Throckmorton acted as go-between and informer for the Spanish ambassador's attempt to invade England, depose Elizabeth and place Mary, Queen of Scots, on the throne. He was caught and executed in 1584. This, known subsequently as The Throckmorton Plot, and the Babington Plot of 1587 were the immediate forerunners of the execution of Mary in 1587.

Some recent correspondence relating to this lot is included.