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- 1 Abbot (Hull), *Minister at Charlestown*, The Duty of God's People to pray for the Peace of Jerusalem, a Sermon preached on occasion of the Rebellion in Scotland, at Charlestown in New-England, Jan. 12, 1745, 8
Boston, by Rogers and Fowle, 1746, 8°
 Title and pp. 5 to 26.
- 2 Abingdon (Earl of) Thoughts on the Letter of Edmund Burke, Esq. to the Sheriffs of Bristol on the Affairs of America
Oxford, [1777], 68 pp. 8°
- 3 — The same, the 4th edition, *hf. mor.* *Oxf. [1777], 68 pp. 8°*
- 4 — The same, the 6th edition, *hf. mor.* *Oxf. [1777], 8°*
 Title; 'Dedication,' pp. iii to xci; text 60 pp. The long 'Dedication to the Collective Body of the People of England,' in which the author enlarges upon his theme, and replies to the several answers to his previous editions, appears for the first time in this sixth edition.
- 5 Abridgement (An) of the Laws in Force and Use in Her Majesty's Plantations, (viz.) of Virginia, Jamaica, Barbadoes, Maryland, New-England, New-York, Carolina, etc. *fine copy, calf*
Lond. 1704, 8°
 Title and preface, 2 leaves; text, 284 pp.; 'Maryland,' 71 pp.; 'New-England,' 100 pp.; 'Appendix,' pp 285 to 304.
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[Lond. 1702], 8 pp. fol.
- 7 Abstract (An) of the Proceedings of the Corporation, for the Relief of the Widows and Children of Clergymen, in the Communion of the Church of England in America, *half mor.*
Philad. J. Humphreys, jun. 1778, 52 pp. 8°

- 8 Acadia, Remarks on the French Memorials concerning the Limits of, to which is added, An Answer to the Summary Discussion, &c. *half mor.* *Lond.* 1756, 8°
Title; explanation of maps, 1 leaf; text 116 pp.; 2 copperplate maps.
- 9 Acadia. Pieces Justificatives des Mémoires concernant les Limites de l'Acadie, *old calf* *Paris*, 1754, 4°
Title and 646 pp.
- 10 Account (An) of the Conduct of the War in the Middle Colonies, *half mor.* *Lond.* 1780, 55 pp. 8°
- 11 Account (An) of the Donations for the Relief of the Sufferers by Fire, at Bridge Town in the Island of Barbadoes, in May and December, 1766 *Lond.* [1769], 4°
Title and Advertisement, 2 leaves; 'A List of the Donations,' etc. 40 pp.; 'Contra' 1 page.
- 12 Account (An) of the Loss of his Majesty's Ship Deal Castle, off Port Rico, 1780 *Lond.* 1787, 8°
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- 13 Account (An) of the Propagation of the Gospel in Foreign Parts *Lond. Jos. Downing*, 1704, 4 pp. fol.
- 14 ACOSTA (JOSEPH DE) *Soc. Jesu, DE NATURA NOVI ORBIS Libri duo, et de Promulgatione Evangelii, apud Barbaros, sive de Procuranda Indorum salute Libri sex, FIRST EDITION, FINE COPY, original vellum Salmantica, Guill. Foguel*, 1583, 8°
Eight prel. leaves and 640 pp.
- 15 — Another edition, in *Latin, vellum Col. Agripp. In officina Birckmannica*, 1596, 8°
Eight prel. leaves and 581 pp.
- 16 ACOSTA (JOSEPH DE) HISTORIA NATURAL Y MORAL DE LAS INDIAS, *fine copy, Spanish binding Sevilla, en casa de Juan de Leon*, 1590, 4°
Title, reverse blank; followed by one leaf 'Yo Christoval de Leon,' 1 p.; errata 1 p.; Text, pp. 3 to 635 with 'Tabla' 18 leaves.
- 17 — Another edition, in *Spanish, fine copy, cf. Madrid*, 1608, 4°
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- 19 ACOSTA (JOSEPH DE). THE NATURAL AND MORAL HISTORIE OF THE EAST AND WEST INDIES, Written in Spanish by the E. F. Joseph Acosta, and translated into English by E[dward] G[rimestone], FINE COPY
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