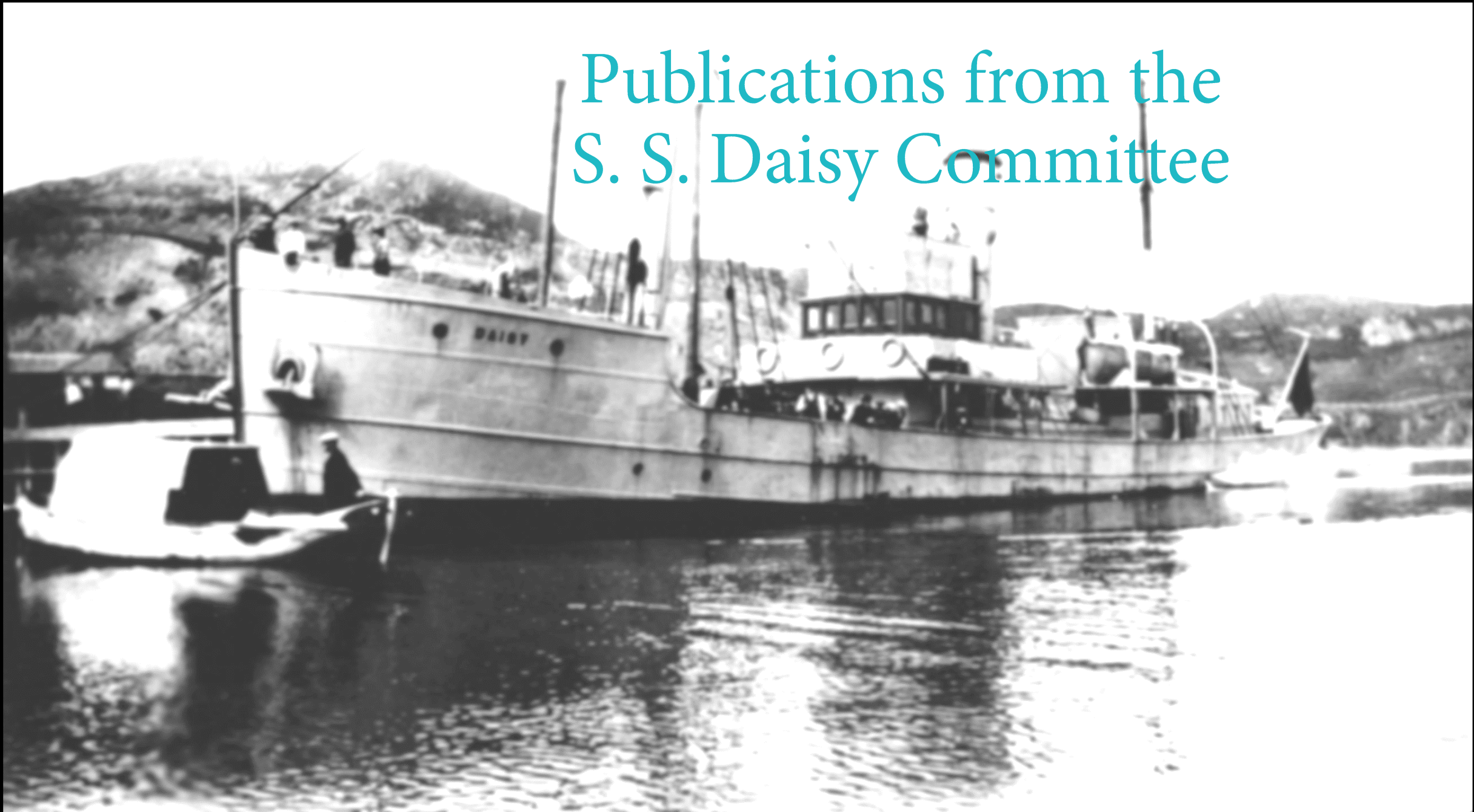


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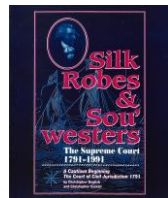


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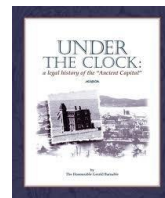
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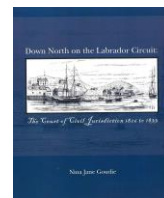
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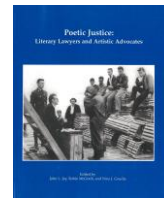
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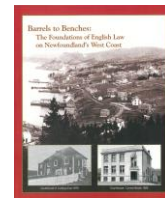
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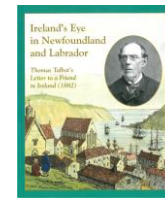
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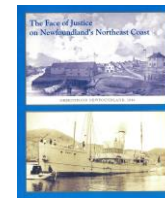
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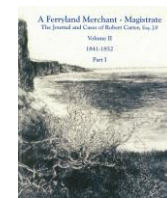
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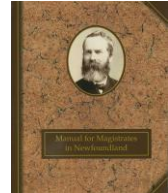
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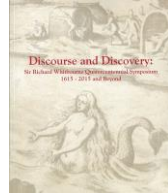
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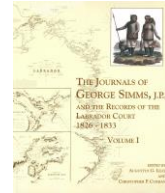
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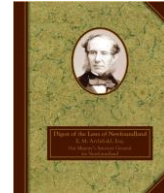
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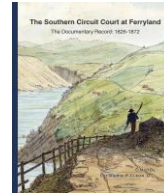
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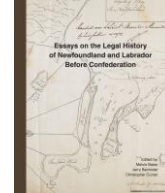
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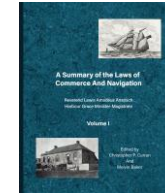
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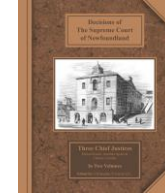
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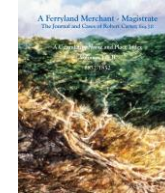
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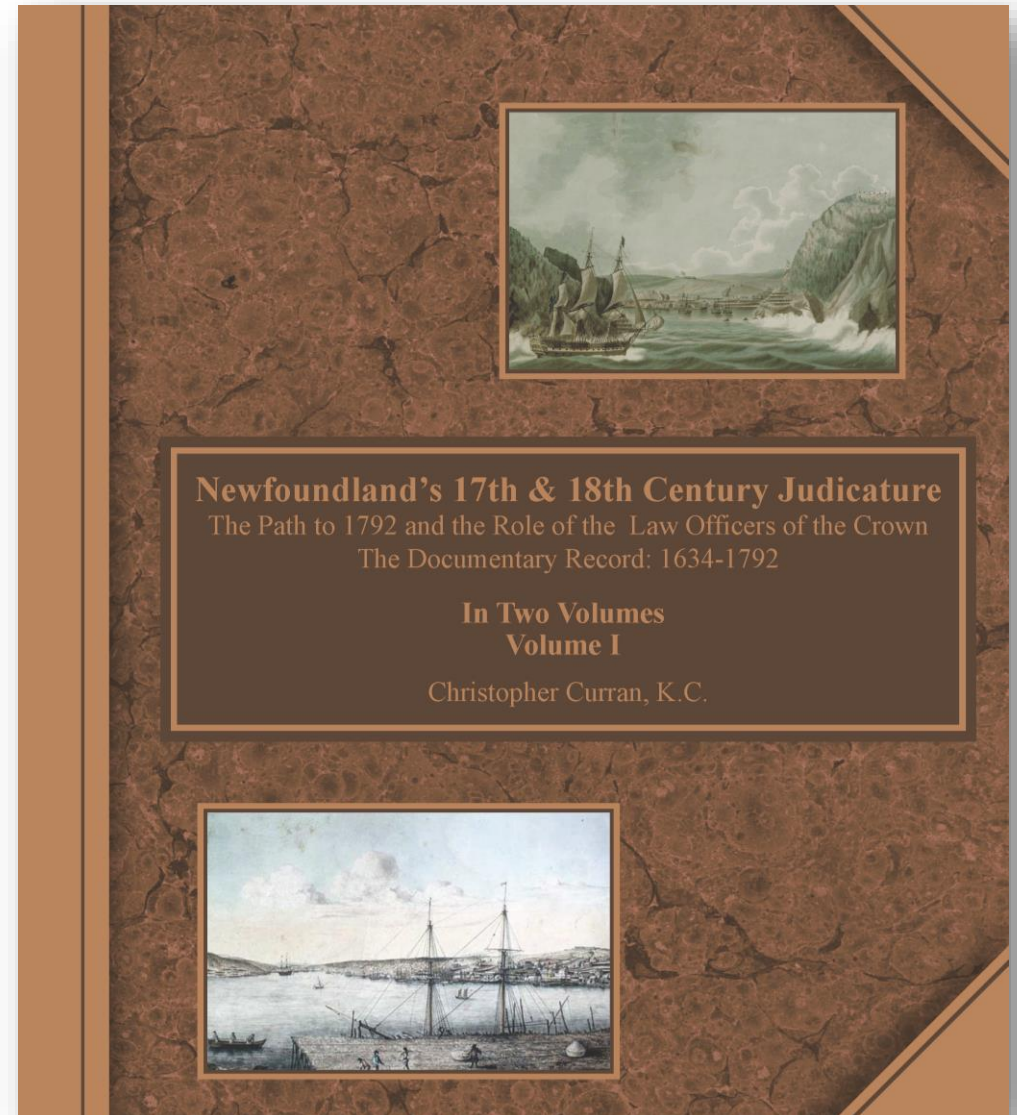
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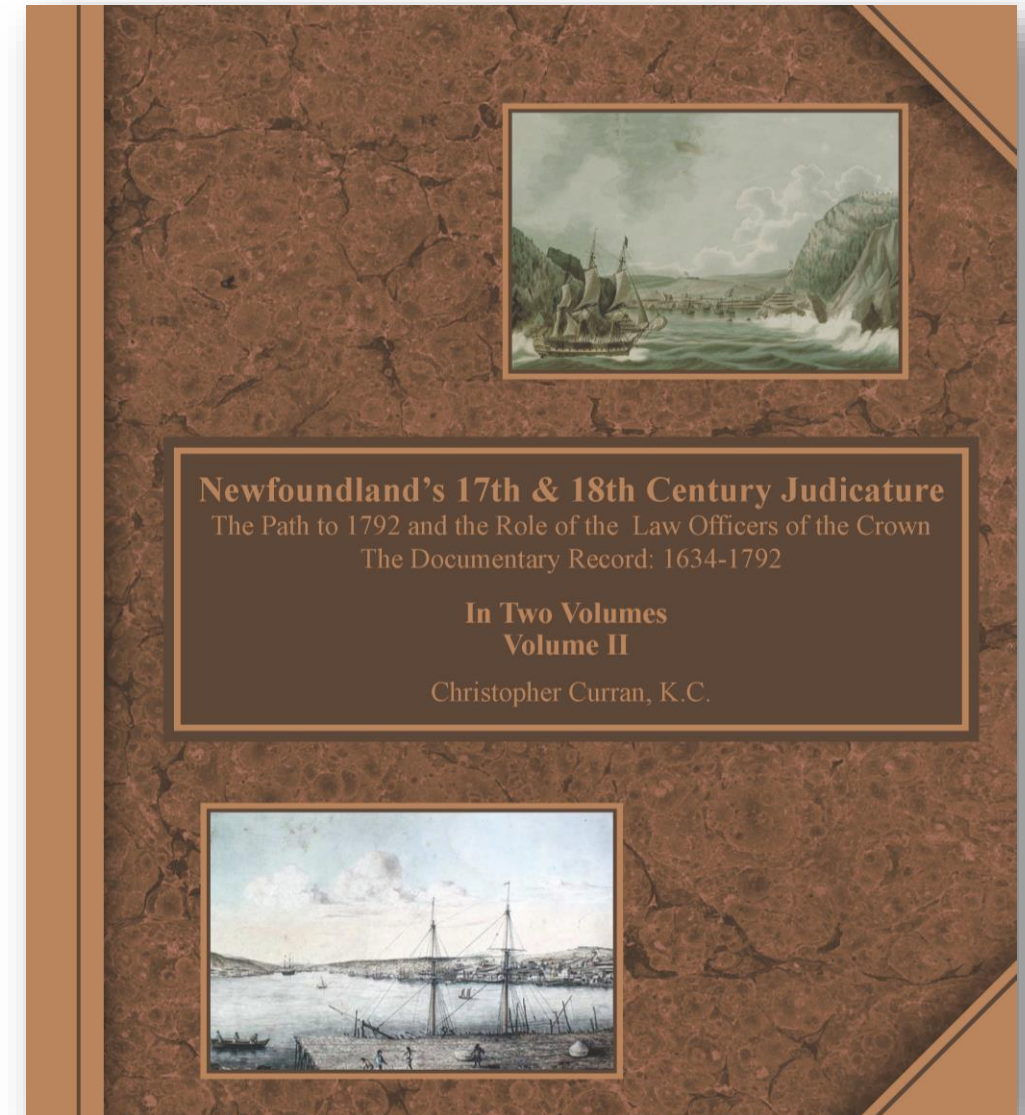
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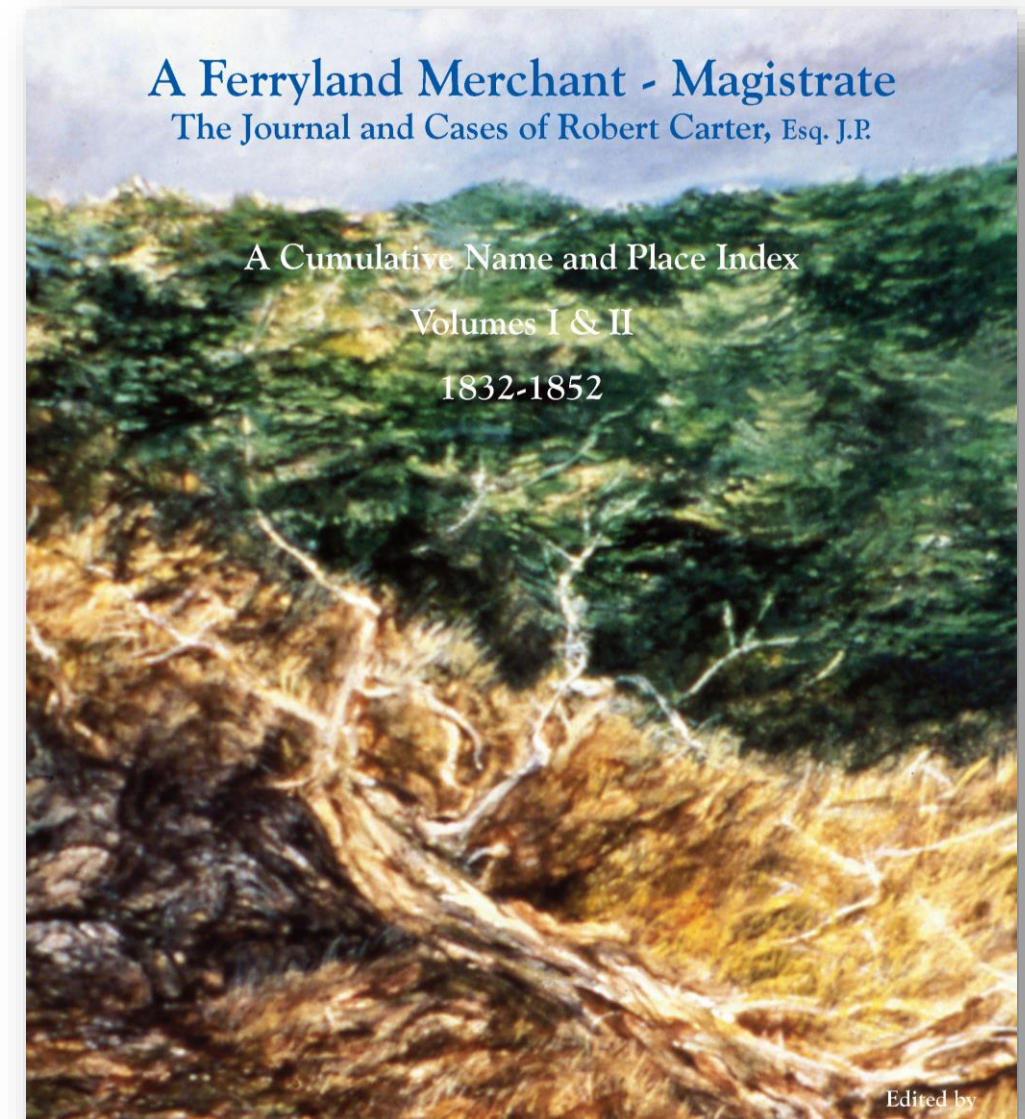
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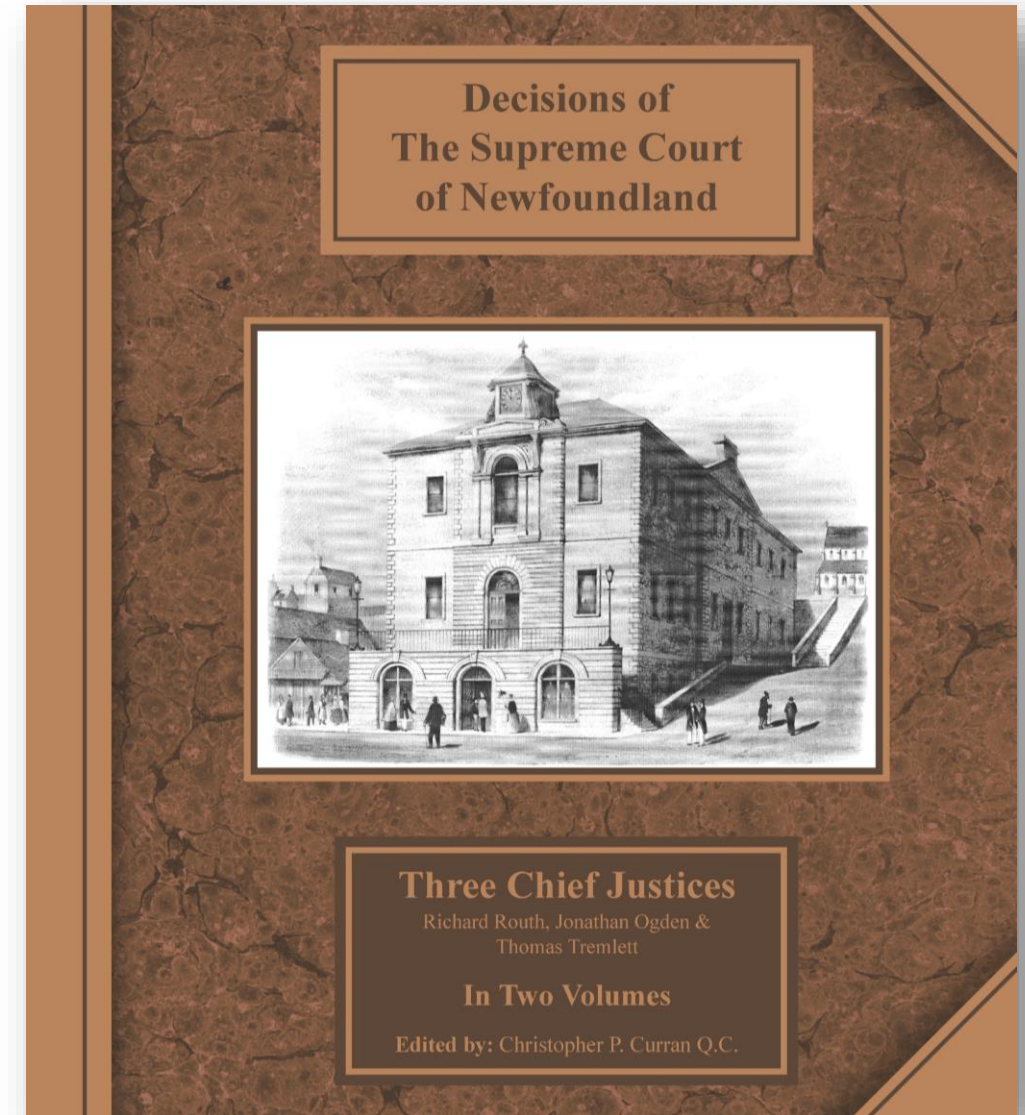
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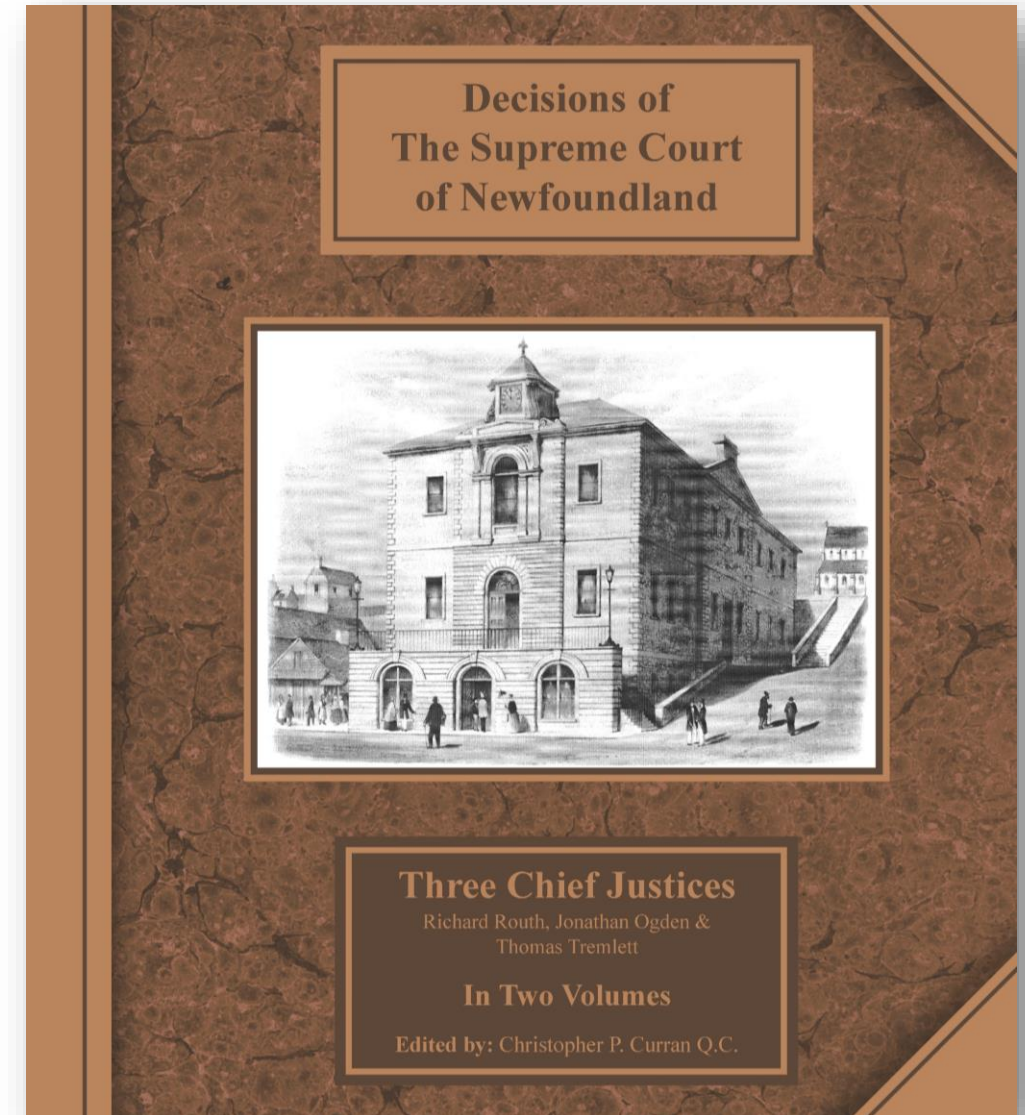
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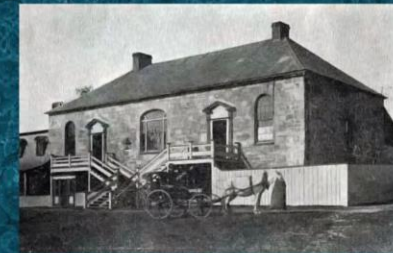
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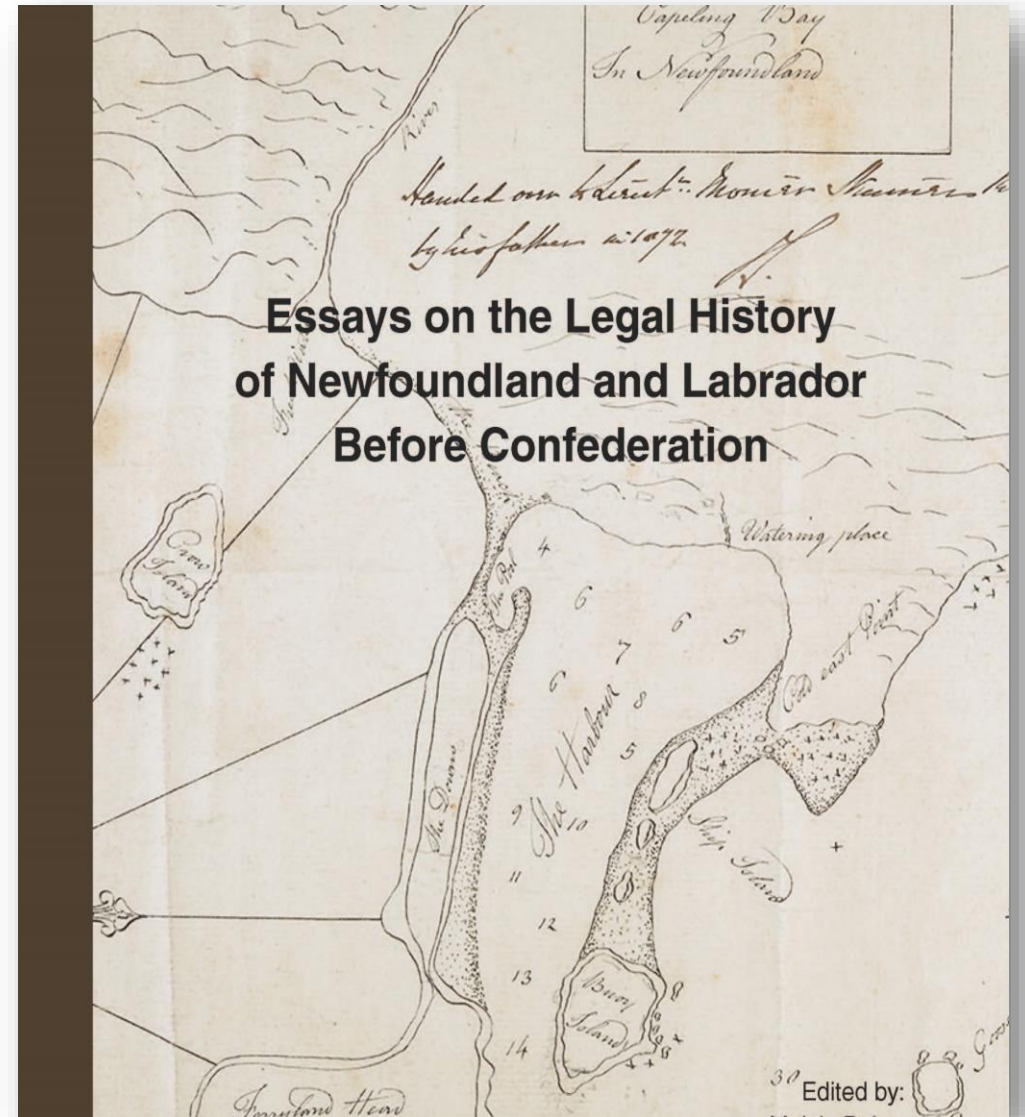
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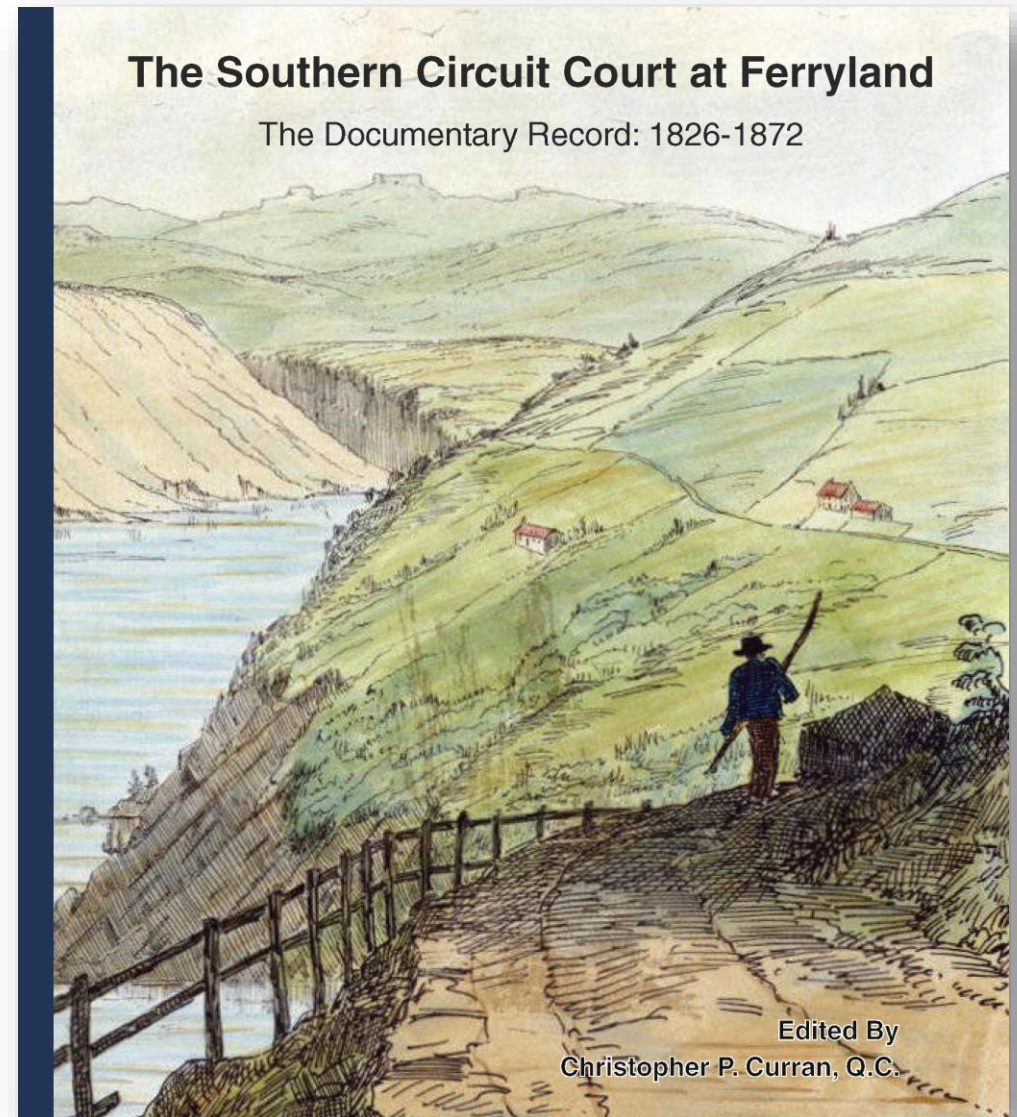
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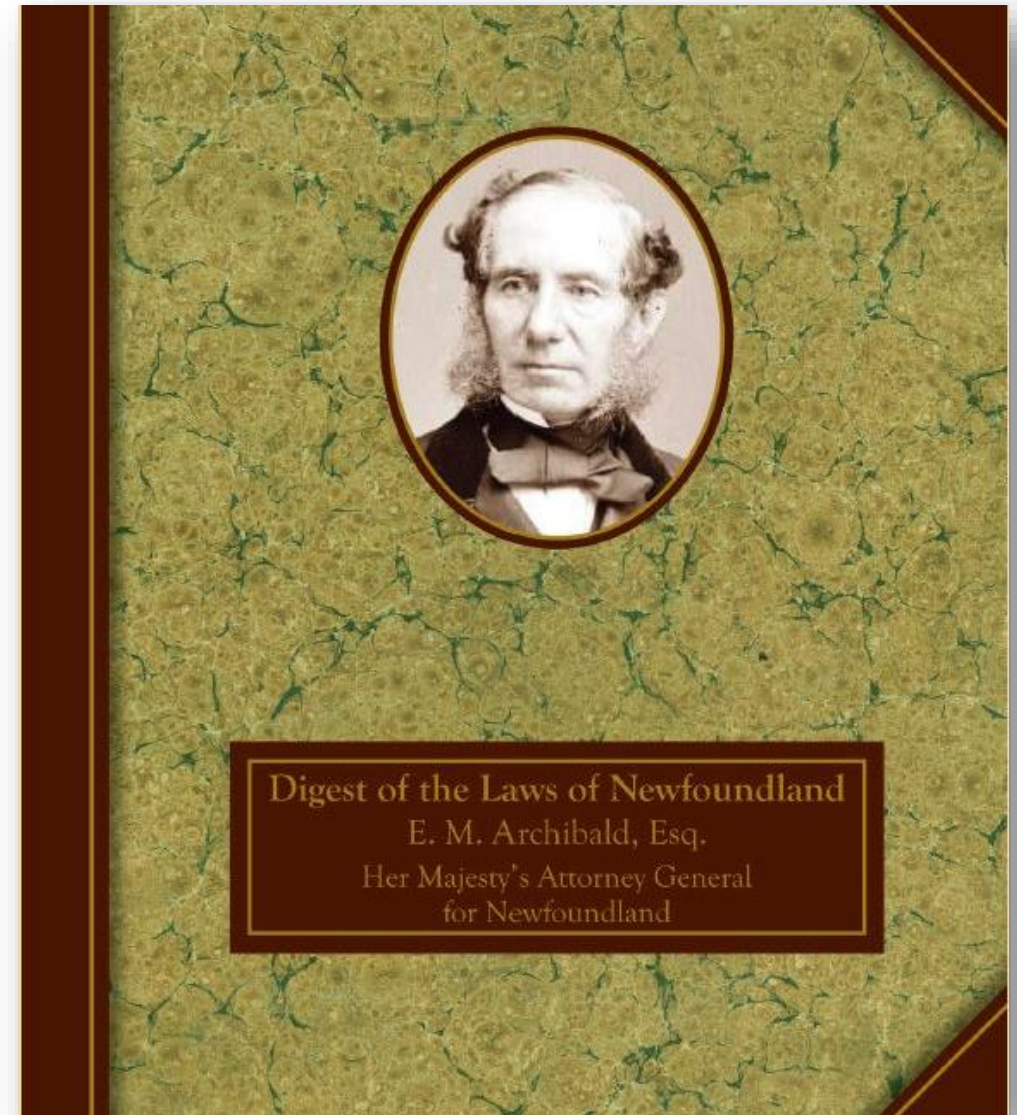
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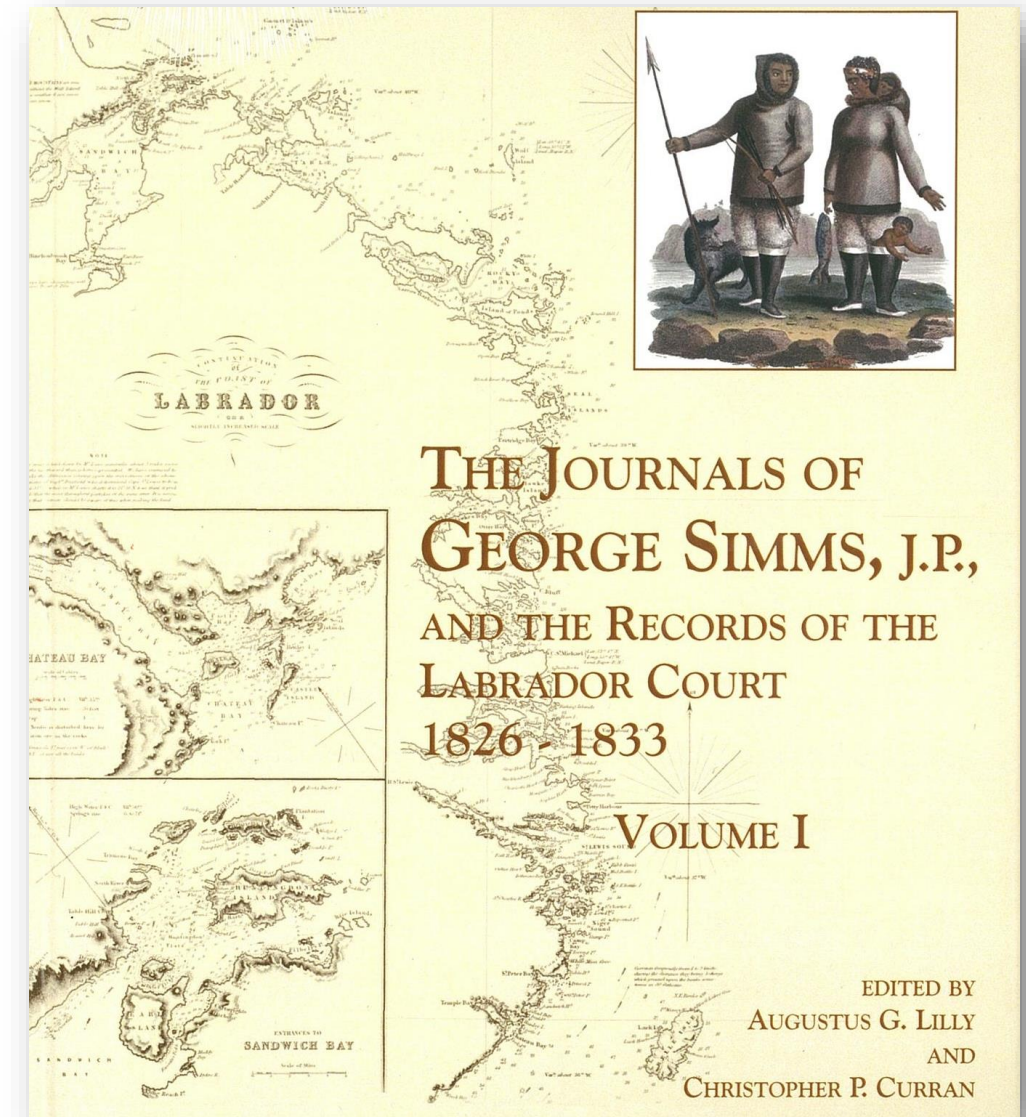
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Trepassey merchant and magistrate George Simms served as Clerk of that Court and as a Justice of the Peace for the District of Labrador from 1827-1833, when the Labrador Court was abolished. This book in two volumes contains the heretofore unpublished text of George Simms' Labrador Journal (1830-1833) together with an indexed transcription of the records of both the Civil Court and the Sessions Court for the period 1826-1833. His journal provides an unvarnished account of the daily life of the Labrador court

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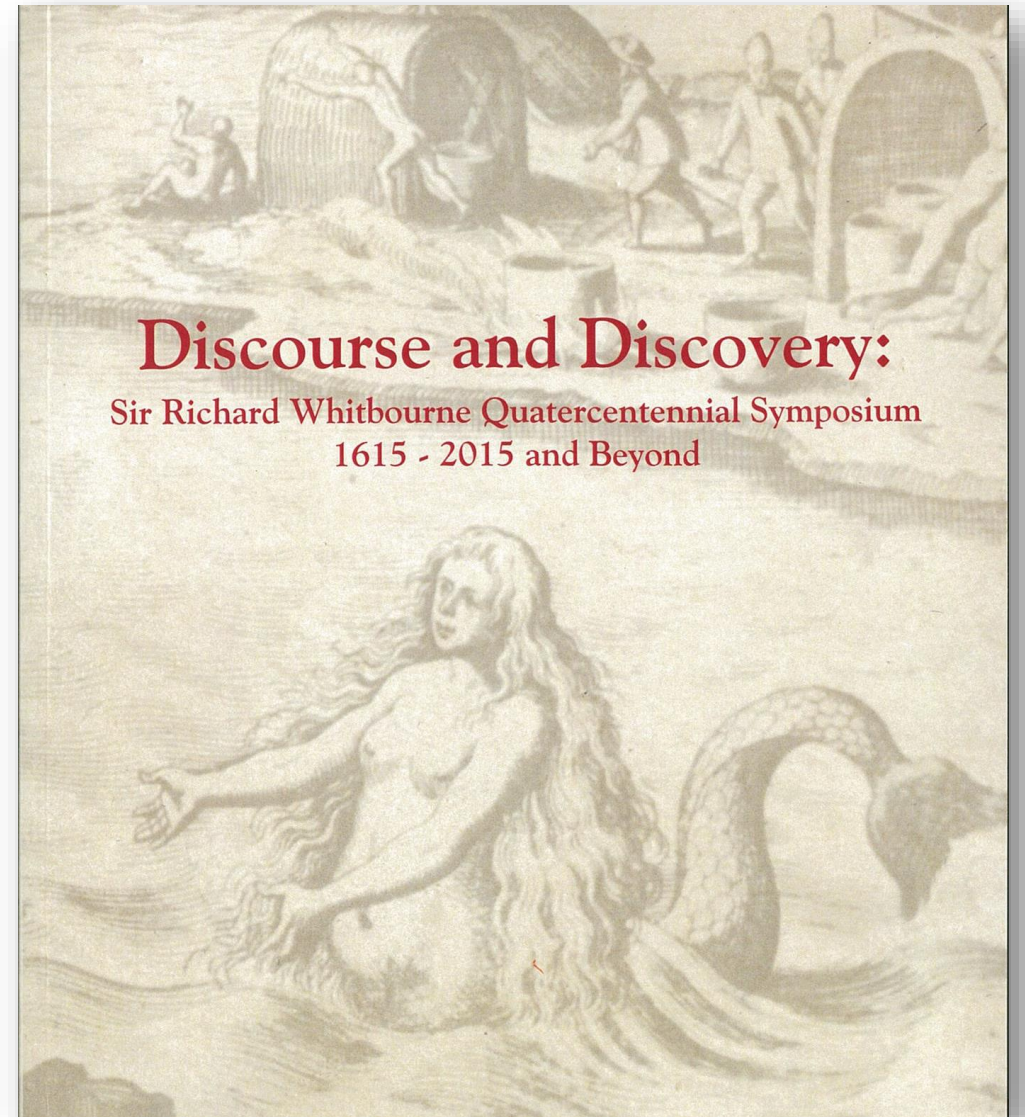


Discourse and Discovery: Sir Richard Whitbourne Quatercentennial Symposium, 1616-2015 and Beyond

- edited by Melvin Baker, Christopher Curran and J. Derek Green (2017)

In June 2015, the Supreme Court of Newfoundland and Labrador, in conjunction with the National Judicial Institute and the S.S. Daisy Legal History Committee, held a symposium to mark the 400th anniversary of the holding by Sir Richard Whitbourne of a court of Vice Admiralty in Newfoundland. This publication contains the edited versions of most of the papers and presentations made on the first day of the symposium, focusing on the province's legal history.

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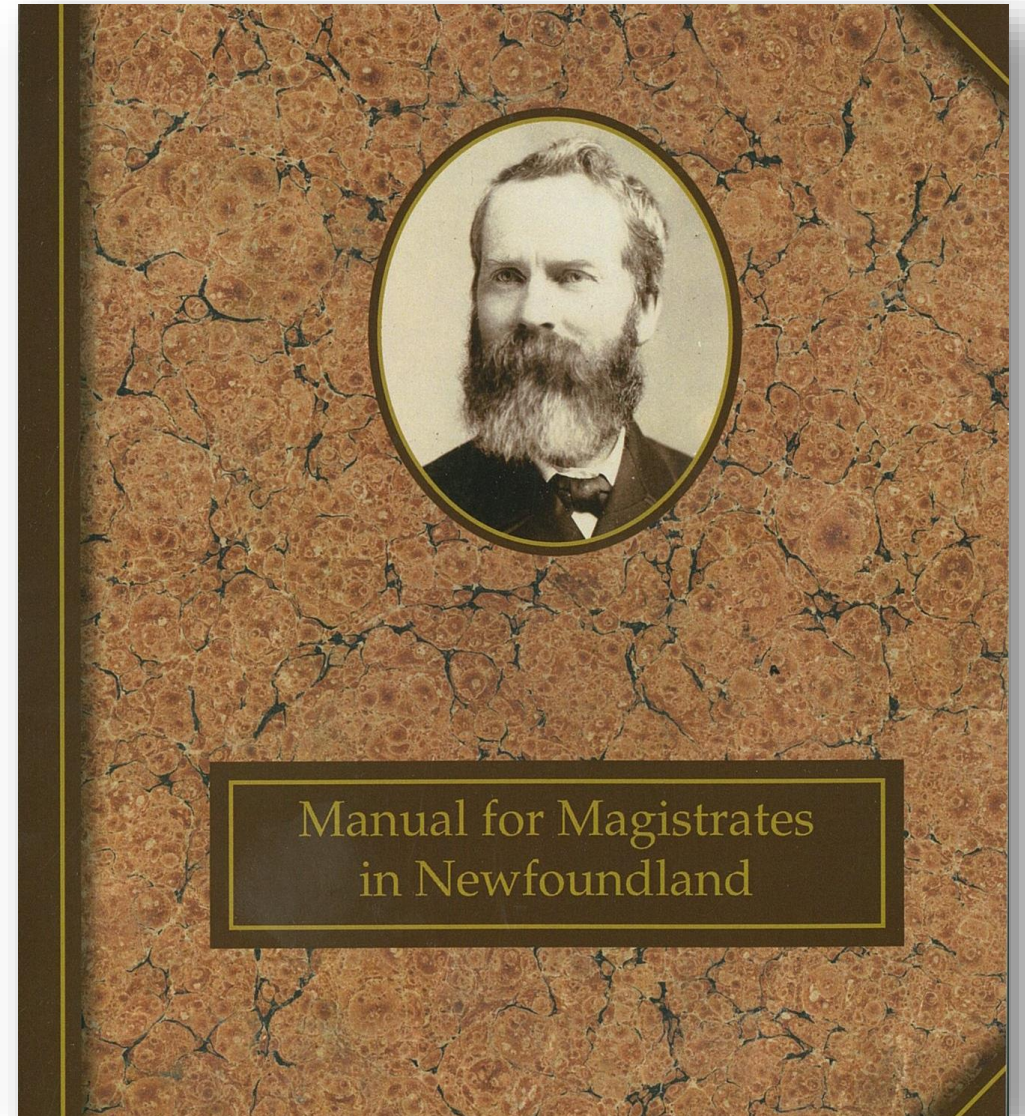
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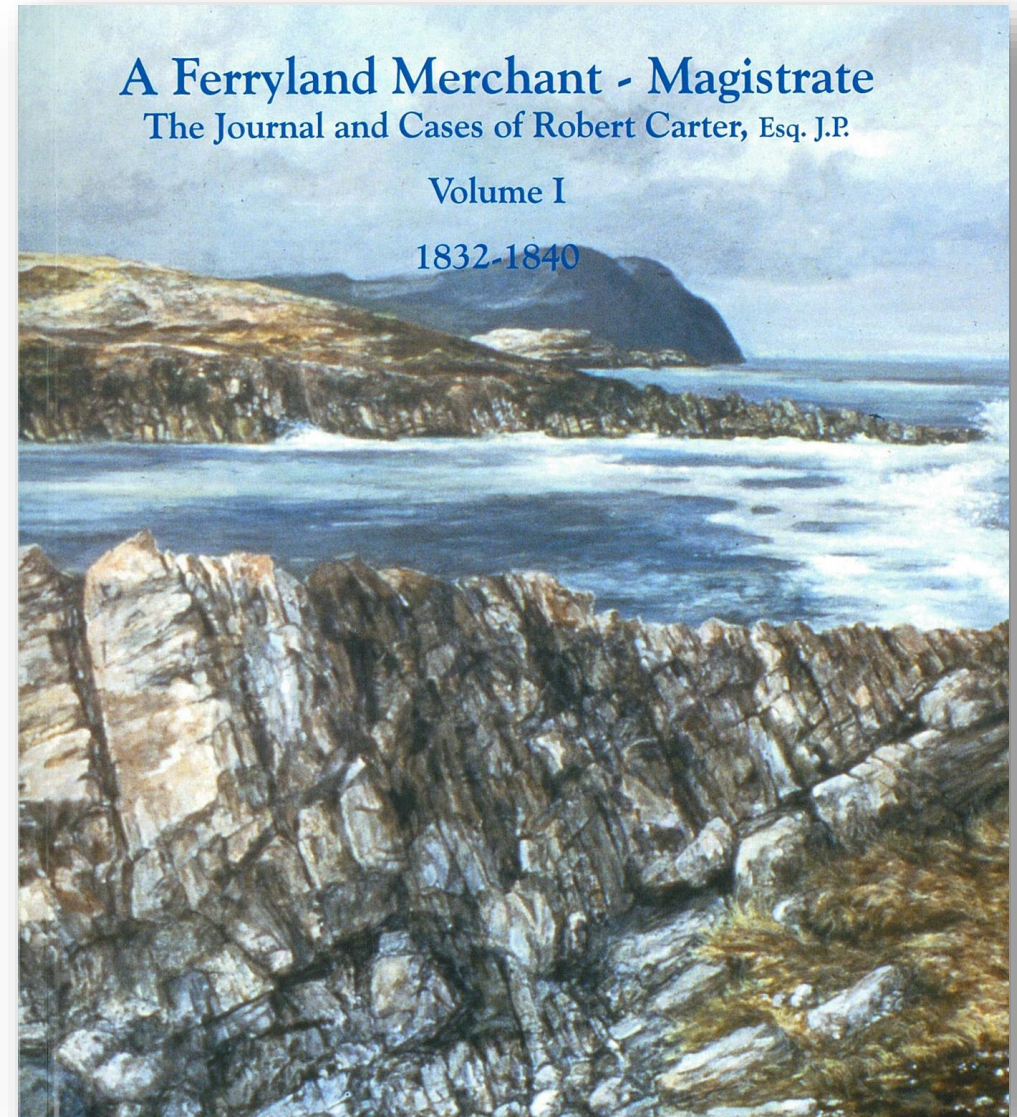
A Ferryland Merchant-Magistrate: The Journal and Cases of Robert Carter, Esq. J.P., Vol I, 1832-1840

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Robert Carter served as Magistrate in Ferryland at a pivotal point in Newfoundland's history: the tumultuous period from the grant of representative government in 1832 to the emergence of responsible government in 1855. His journal offers an unrivaled picture of life in this important outport community throughout almost the entirety of this formative period. When combined with his cases in Ferryland's Court of General and Quarter Sessions during this time, what emerges is an incomparably rich picture of a vibrant 19th century Newfoundland community.

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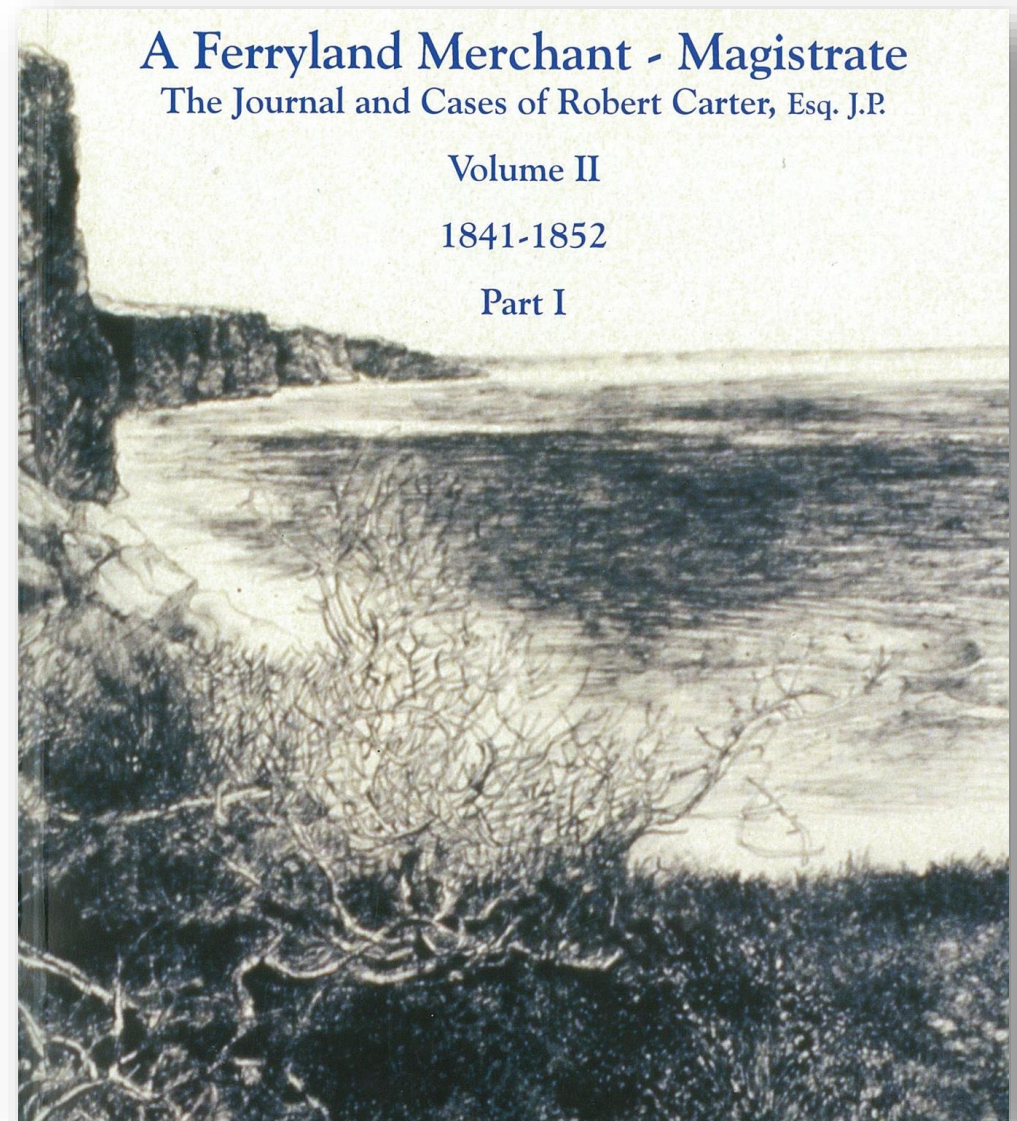
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The second volume of Robert Carter's journals cover the time period of 1841-1852. Taken together, these volumes provide an unsurpassed picture of community life in Ferryland and a time of change and transition in Newfoundland as a whole.

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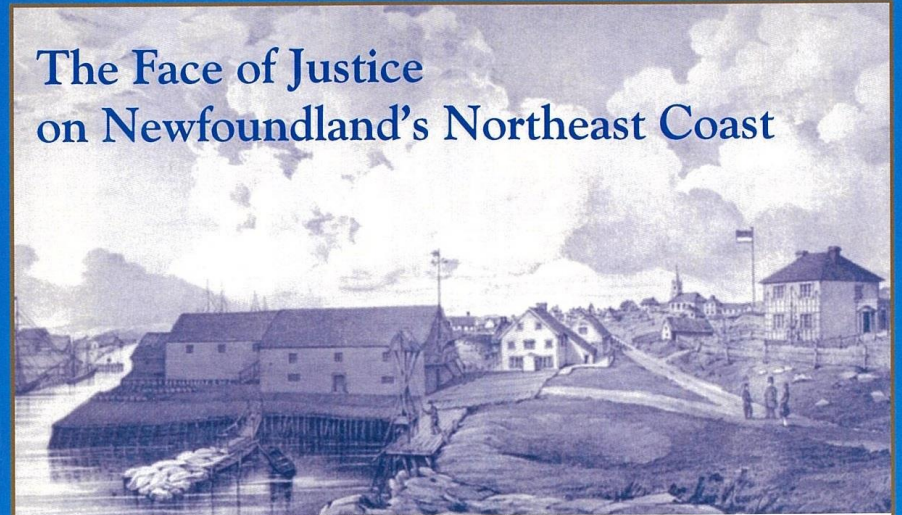
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The essays contained in this volume trace essential elements of the face of justice on Newfoundland's northeast coast from the migratory fishery of the 18th century to the pre-confederation decades of the 20th. They show not only that the sources of law and the level of justice activities varies as demographic, social and economic conditions changed throughout this period, but that the law and its institutions formed an integral part of the fabric of everyday community life and were valued as such.

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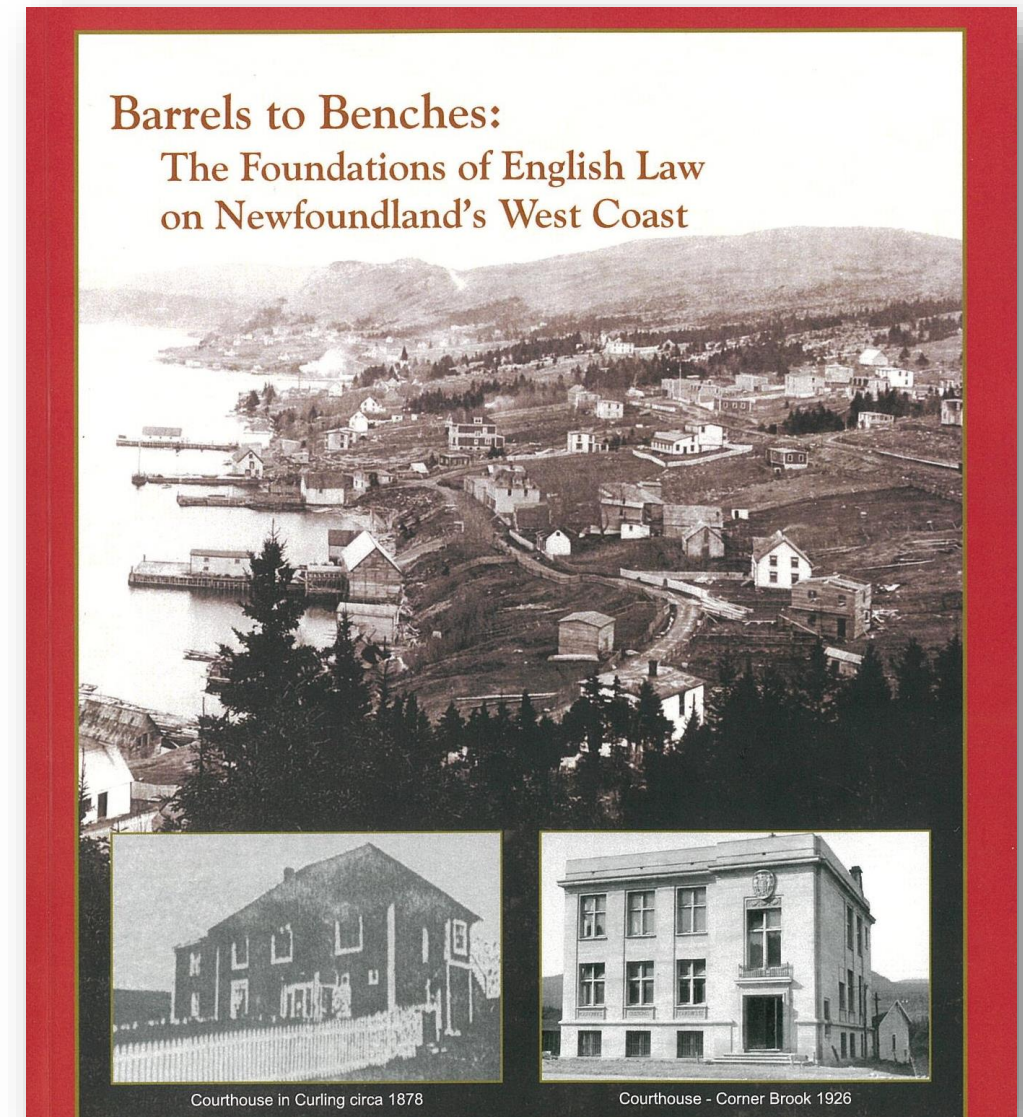
- edited by Christopher English (2010, second edition 2020)

This collection of essays was published in celebration of the official opening of the Corner Brook Consolidated Courthouse on May 3, 2010.

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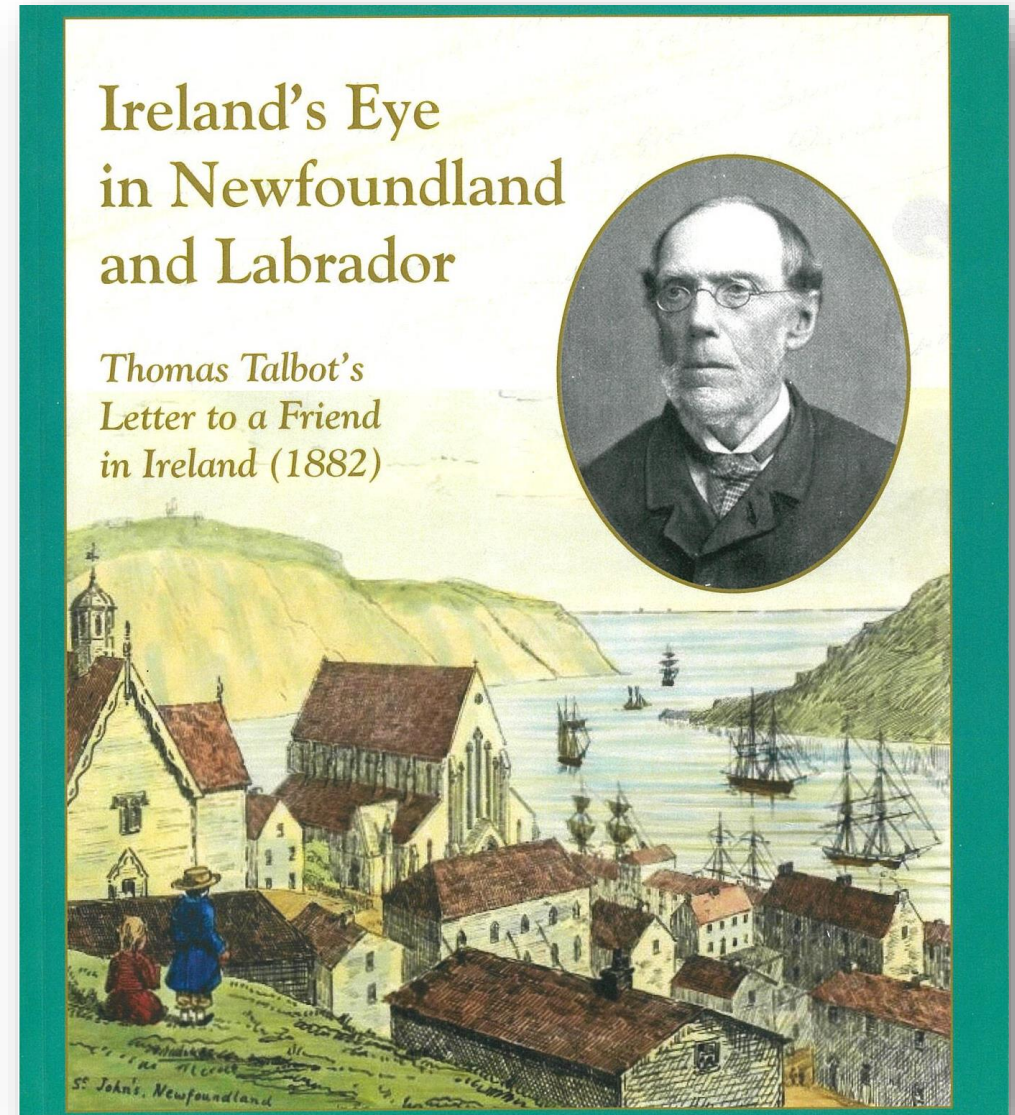
Ireland's Eye in Newfoundland and Labrador: Thomas Talbot's Letter to a Friend in Ireland (1882)

- edited by Melvin Baker, Christopher Curran, John Joy and Robin McGrath, with an introductory biographical essay by Elizabeth Browne (2009, second edition 2020)

Talbot, an Irish emigrant, came to Newfoundland in 1837 and was active in the public life of the colony almost from the time of his arrival. His text provides an insightful account of "the conditions and circumstances" of his new home on his arrival and over a period of more than 40 years, and documents his various contributions to public life as an educator, writer, classical scholar, and politician throughout the period.

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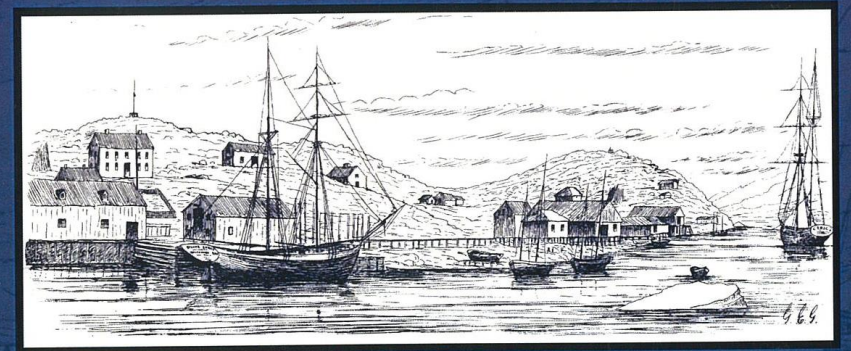
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Though tied to the history of the island portion of the province, Labrador from earliest times had its own unique legal traditions. From the outset, the administration of justice in Labrador had to respond to the unique challenges of a mixture of cultures and languages, an immense geography, and a physical separation from the island part of the colony.

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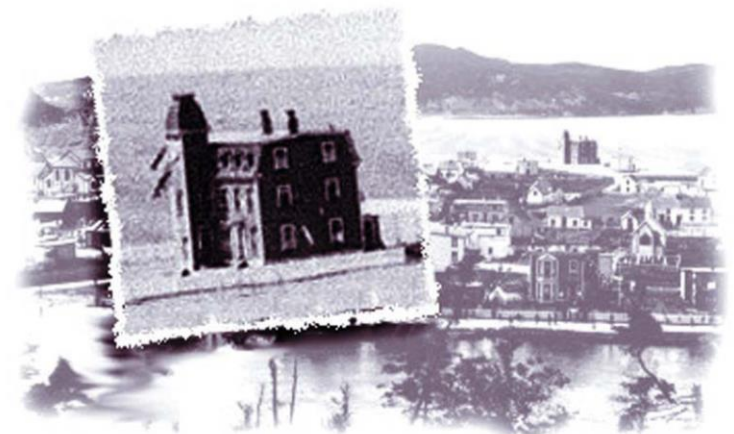
During the summer of 2002, the people of Placentia celebrated the 100th anniversary of the building of the present courthouse in Placentia. The anniversary of the courthouse became the focal point for a reflection of the development of the law in this part of the island.

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Major public buildings are built not only for the functional purpose of providing accommodation for human activity, but also as symbols of community pride and achievement. This is certainly the case for the St. John's Court House, built between 1901 and 1904. The recognition of the 100th anniversary of the Court House provided an opportunity to reflect on the development of the legal system of Newfoundland and Labrador over the past 100 years.

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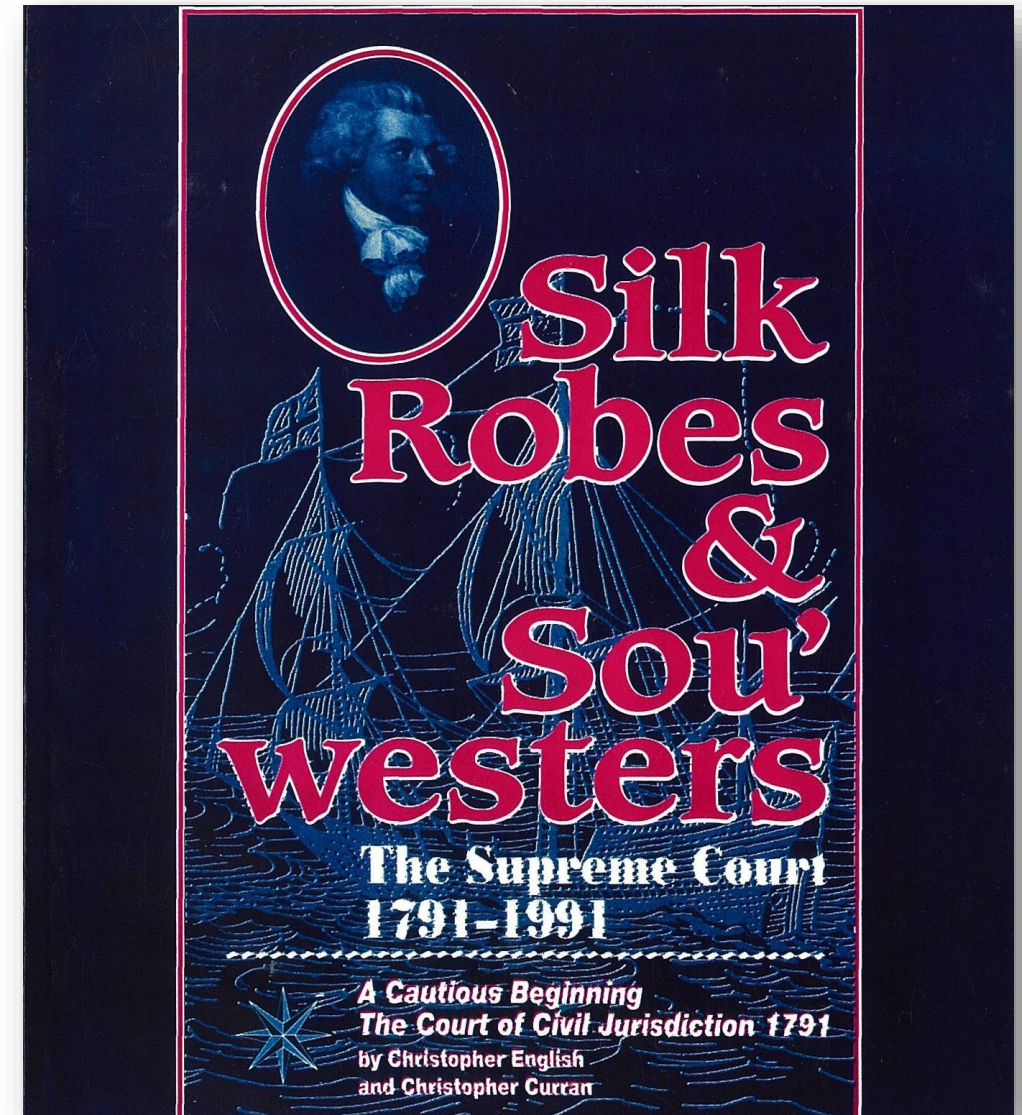
Silk Robes & Sou'westers: The Supreme Court 1791-1991

- by Christopher English and Christopher Curran (1991))

The first Supreme Court of Newfoundland was the foundation upon which the present court structure was built. Written in commemoration of the 200th anniversary of the establishment of the Supreme Court of Civil Jurisdiction, this essay details the struggle over 100 years to have a structured court system introduced. In light of the modest material, demographic, institutional and experiential base upon which the Act of 1791 was erected, the process of tailoring and adapting a system of law to new, often unforeseen, demands over 200 years marks a considerable achievement.

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