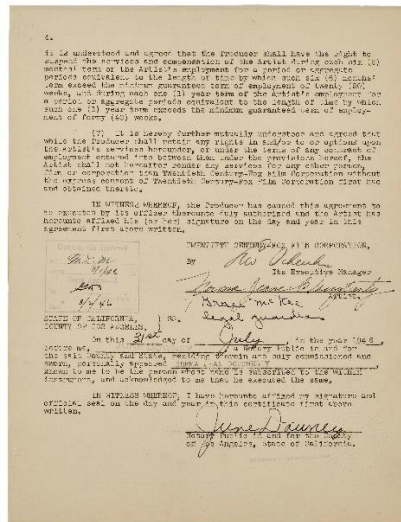


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Marilyn Monroe

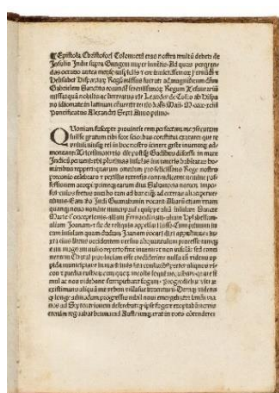
Her First Motion Picture Contract, signed
Estimate: \$25,000-35,000

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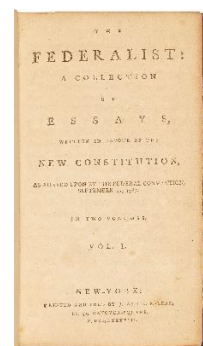
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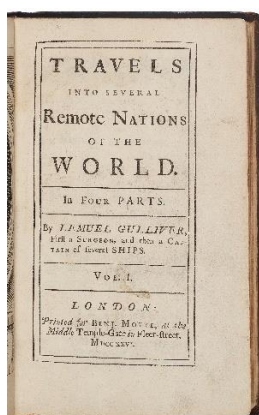
François Levaillant
HISTOIRE NATURELLE DES PERROQUETS,
1801-1805
Estimate: \$120,000-180,000



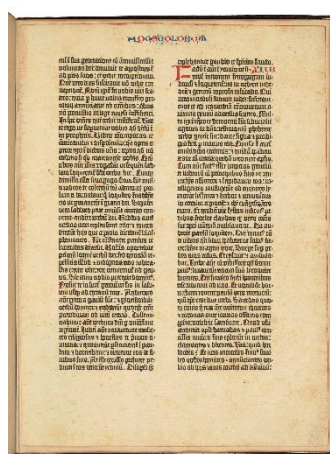
Christopher Columbus
EPISTOLA DE INSULIS NUPER INVENTIS,
1493
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Hamilton, Madison, and Jay
FEDERALIST PAPERS
Estimate: \$80,000-120,000



Jonathan Swift
Travel Into Several Remote Nations of
the World
Estimate: \$50,000-80,000



LEAF OF THE GUTENBERG BIBLE
From Wells' A Noble Fragment
Estimate: \$50,000-80,000



William Faden
A MAP OF SOUTH CAROLINA AND PARTS
OF GEORGIA, 1780
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