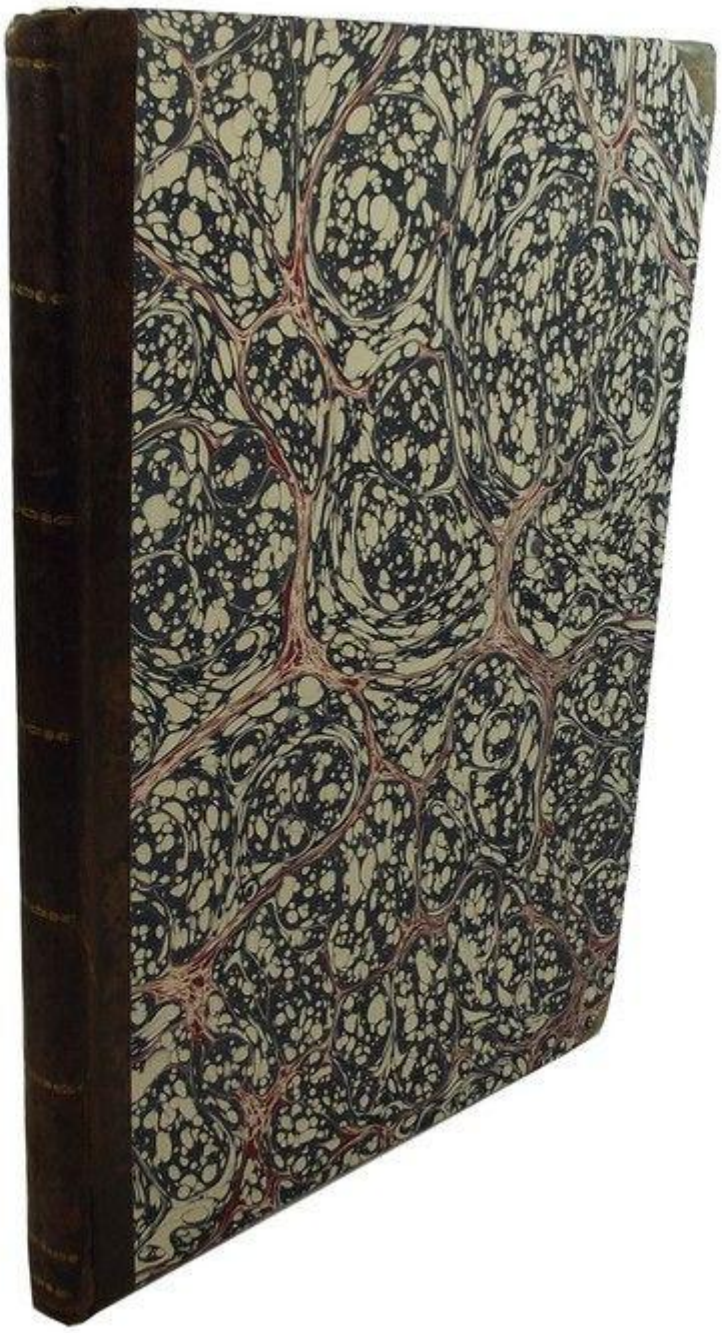
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The Psalms and Hymns with the Ode or Anthem Sung at the Magdalen Chapel WITH The Psalms and Hymns Used at the Asylum or House of Refuge for Female Orphans

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Description

[2], 62pp; [2], 50pp, [2], dated by watermark to first frontispiece. Quarter calf and marbled paper over boards, paper covered corners, smooth back, divided into six panels by gilt roll.

Foot of spine slightly chipped, new paper sides. Internally there is a small stain to gutter at head of several pages, but it is fairly unobtrusive. A few pages have a cross in ink to head.

The first mentioned is uncommon, with four locations on COPAC, but none with this imprint and none of the same date, the second is well held institutionally, but again none with this imprint or date.

The Magdalen Hospital was established in 1758, later renamed Magdalen Hospital for the Reception of Penitent Prostitutes, it provided a refuge and a place where prostitutes could be treated and cared for. The women wore a uniform of light grey dresses and in their whole dress plain and neat. They were instructed in reading and the principles of Christian religion. They were employed in needlework or house-keeping according to their abilities. They made household linens of all kinds, shirts, shifts, knitting, mending and learned domestic work to qualify them for service (From banksidethenandnow).

The Asylum was also established in 1758, mainly due to the efforts of John Fielding (brother of Henry). These Psalm / Hymn books were presumably published in order to raise funds

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