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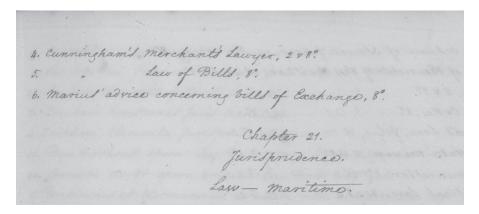


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This is certainly possible. Our argument, in contrast, assumes that these notes had another or subsequent audience, albeit an audience of one: Nicholas P. Trist.

Elsewhere in the 1783 catalog, Jefferson appended several notes regarding the patterns of arrangement that guided his "sometimes analytical, sometimes chronological" system and which Trist could have used as an interpretive model in copying entries from the 1815 printed catalog into his 1823 manuscript catalog.