

## Books and Manuscripts (1706)

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### Lot 25

**Estimate:** \$600 - \$900 (plus Buyer's Premium)

#### **[Early Printing] [Kralice Bible] Biblj swatá...**

(Kralice: Tiskárna Jednoty Bratrské), 1613. Third edition. 4to. (vi), 1200, (4) pp. Gothic type; double column; 48 lines; printed shoulder notes. Contemporary full brown calf, stamped in blind, upper brass clasps intact, boards rubbed, worn, and blistered, spine head chipped, extremities rubbed; edges stained black; front hinge worn; title-page worn, repaired, soiled; first three leaves tattered with some loss to text; text leaves variously worn and soiled; open tears and crude repairs at bottom corner pp. 317/318; pp. 357/358 torn in half, crudely repaired at top and bottom; ink splatter covering pp. 482-485; 4 1/2 inch closed tear along fore-edge of pp. 822/823; loss and short closed tears at bottom corner pp. 1006/1007; final nine leaves moderately to heavily repaired along edges and corners; open tear with loss to text in pp. 1194/1195; scattered marginalia; nine leaves of MS. pp. laid in at rear. Sold with all faults.

This 1613 revised edition of the *Biblj swata*, also known as the Kralice Bible (named after the location of the shop that printed it in Southern Moravia by the Unity of the Brethren) is the standard translation of the Bible into the Czech language, and is still the benchmark centuries after its publication.

