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My dear Sir/

I am personally responsible for the character of the New Court Room in Baltimore. That at Lancaster has, I believe, been generally admired. I should like you to inform me the exact dimensions of that room, as well as the height of the ceiling. Where the Bench is situated & where the Bar. How many people it would accommodate. Indeed I wish to have a drawing made showing what position is occupied by the Bench, what by the Bar & what by the people. Also an estimate of the number of people it would accommodate. I desire no splendid drawing. Any expense you may incur in having my request carved into effect shall be refunded to you.

In haste
Your friend
James Buchanan

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