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Dear Ed:

I enclose the record of Barron v. Baltimore from RG 267 at the National Archives. I hope that it will be of some help to you. I apologize for the delay. I have been on a research trip in England for two weeks. When I returned the file was waiting on my desk.

That you were able to locate the notes of arguments before the Court of Appeals is very exciting. I would love to know more about what you have found and what was said. I have a friend who is interested in doing a TV series on great American and British law cases. I met with her when I was in London and learned that they are still looking for more American cases from which to chose. They only want 18th and 19th century cases right now, and because the format is to be dramatization rather than documentary they want cases that have a record of the arguements. They are particularly interested in cases which were the first exposition of a legal doctrine that we now consider a foundation of our justice system. An early attempt to extend the due process clause of the 5th amendment to protect property rights from a state taking might just fit the bill.

Please let me know if you would like to pursue this further. I am happy to have been of help.

Very truly yours,

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