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future accommodation of the city, but have hitherto  
not been able to make a purchase of any lot  
that in our judgment was in every respect  
calculated to give satisfaction to the City Council.

It has lately been intimated to us, by  
persons supposed to be well informed on the  
subject that a majority of the Legislature of  
the State of Maryland would when the  
present session ends adjourn to hold their  
next session at Baltimore if the city would  
accommodate them with suitable buildings, and  
the Mayor as well as the subscribers being  
anxious to encourage this idea, believing it  
would be to the interest of the city, to have  
the Legislature here, have each about for a  
proper place to accommodate them. Two only  
are in the city, the New Court house, and a  
house erected for a dancing assembly, the Court  
house is not at the disposal of the city,  
and if it was the almost continual Court  
of one kind or other will prevent its being  
occupied by the Legislature, therefore the building  
erected for a dancing assembly, was the only  
possibly attainable. These were erected about  
fifteen years past, in Holliday street on lots taken  
on ground rent, by an Association of Eighty  
citizens who paid each \$475. Making \$38,000  
which was expended in the erection of superb  
buildings well calculated to accommodate the  
citizens not only in their Corporate Capacity

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for all other public purposes, and also the Legislature  
to hold their sessions in should they think proper to  
adjourn here. We attained a meeting of a number  
of the Proprietors of this property and after a full  
discussion on the subject it was agreed they  
would offer it to the city for the sum of  
\$32,800 Payable in four annual payments with  
interest being about \$6000 less than it cost  
and \$750 less to each proprietor, which they were  
willing to contribute to the accommodation of  
the city, and the Legislature over and above  
their proportion of the purchase as citizens. It  
now remains with the Mayor and City Council  
to accept or reject their offer. Altho' at first  
view the sum asked for this property may  
appear high, and more than the Corporation  
originally intended to expend for a City Hall  
yet considering the rapid growth of the city,  
and its extensive improvements since it was  
first incorporated and the difficulty of obtaining  
an eligible situation for the accommodation of  
the Corporation, which difficulty is daily increasing  
and that there is at once a suitable lot, with  
elegant improvements well calculated for every  
desirable purpose of the city offered to us at  
less than they cost fifteen years ago, and much  
less than such buildings would now cost, and  
payable with convenience to the Corporation perhaps  
the Mayor and City Council may on examining the  
premises think it advisable under all circumstances  
to accept the offer. J. C. Calhoun  
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