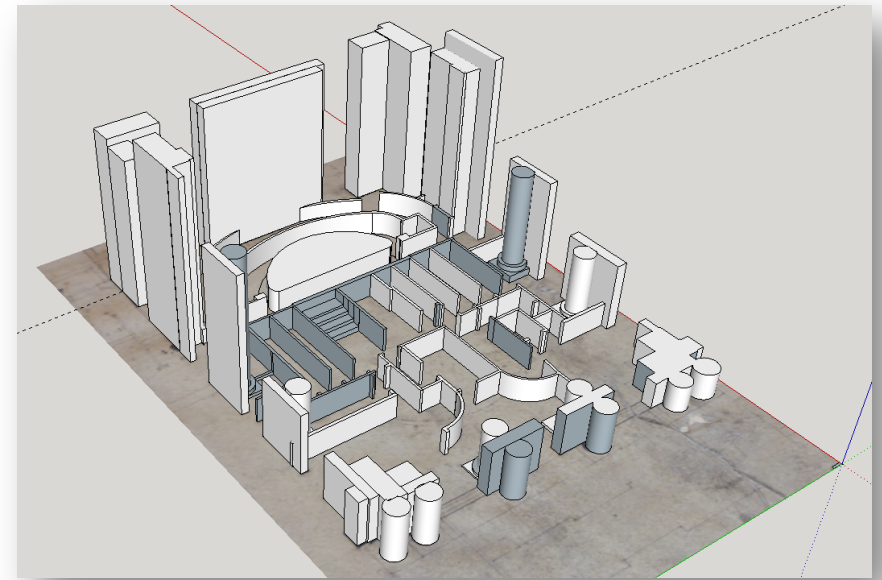
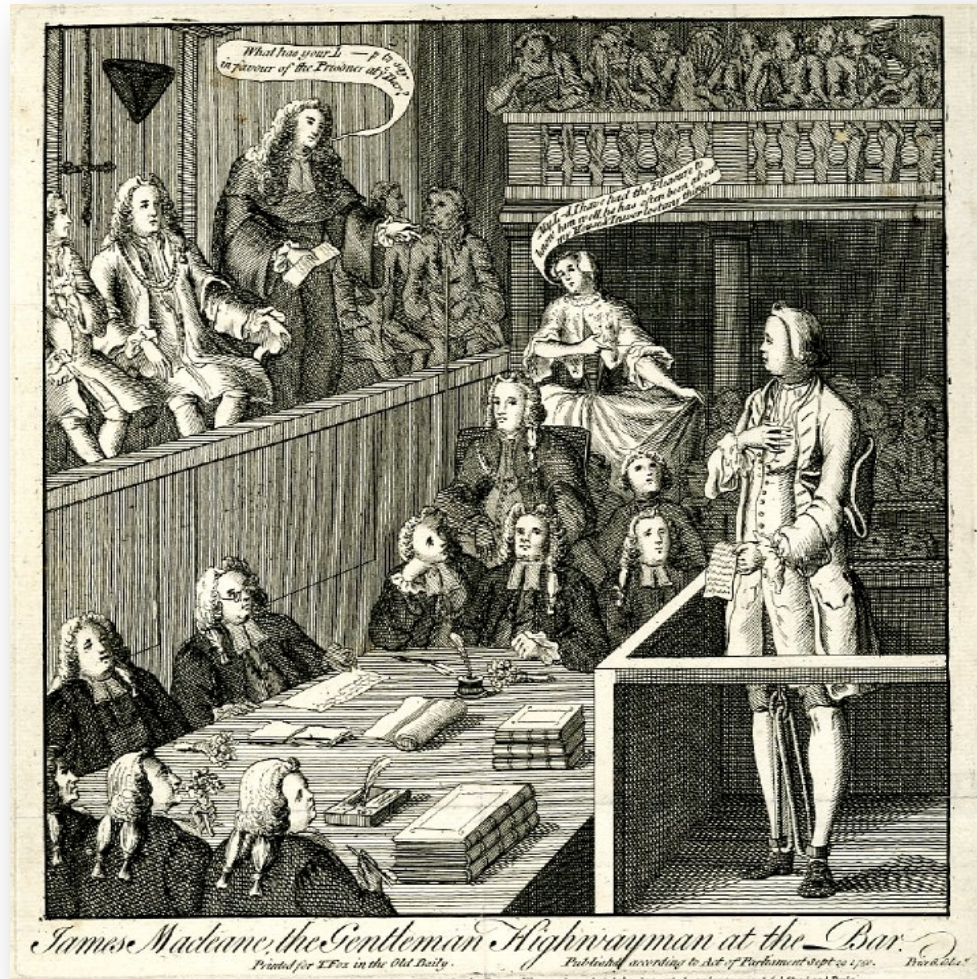


# Re-imagining the Voice of the Defendant at the Old Bailey



Tim Hitchcock



**Mr. Dowers.** The coat has been lost near four months; how long have you had it before that?—About six weeks.

**Q** The coat is worn since, I suppose?—Yes, very much; I can swear positively to the coat, it is a very remarkable coat.

**Court.** Was the box left open or locked?—I had left it locked, I found it unlocked; it is a box that the lid falls down on the top, and when I awaked in the morning, I found the lid had fallen in.

**Prisoner.** I leave it to my counsel.

The prisoner called two witnesses, who said, he was a shoe-maker, and gave him a character.

#### GUILTY,

Of stealing the coat only, and not of breaking.

*Transported for seven years.*

*Tried by the second Middlesex Jury before Mr. RECORDER.*

**514. ELIZABETH HUTCHINS** was indicted for burglariously breaking and entering the dwelling house of George Lochtie, on the 16th of August, about the hour of ten in the night, and burglariously stealing therein, a woman's red cloth cloak, value 5s. a pair of stays, value 2s. a black quilted stuff petticoat, value 1s. the goods of George Lochtie.

**GEORGE LOCHTIE** sworn.

I live at St. Paul's, Shadwell; my house was not broke open. On the 16th of August, I lost a red cloak, a pair of stays and petticoat, out of my window, late at night, being Saturday; and being Saturday I did not miss them, Monday morning I missed these things, and went and found the cloak pawned, on Saturday evening, by the prisoner at the bar.

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**Q** What time on Monday morning did you miss them?—About eight o'clock when I generally open; the cloak was pawned at Joseph Willington's, he is here.

**Q** Have you seen any thing besides your cloak?—No, because if I had, I should know them. The prisoner was a customer to my shop, I see her in the shop, about ten o'clock at night, my wife served her, I see her, she told me she had served her.

**Q** Was not your house broke at all?—There was a small iron bolt taken out of the inside of the shutters, to get at this property, but that was inside the house, that could not have been done from without.

**Prisoner.** You served me this cap that I have got on my head, about twelve o'clock, and there was no foul in the shop but yourself.


**JOSEPH WILLINGTON** sworn.

I am a pawnbroker; I produce a red coloured cloak; I got it of the prisoner at the bar, on the 16th of August, Saturday, about ten at night, I gave her a ticket, she was a customer to our shop, she said it belonged to herself; it was pawned in her own name, Elizabeth Hutchins.


**Prosecutor.** It is my cloak, I know it by this stain, I can swear to it by that.

**Prisoner.** I went to the butcher's the corner of Farthing-fields, to buy a piece of meat for me and my child, and a good woman asked me if I would go of an errand for her? it was to pawn that thing for her; I asked her what it was? she said it was this cloak, and I willingly did it for the sake of a few halfpence, says she, do you know that pawnbroker, and does he know you? yes, says I, then says she, put it in your own name as long as I have the duplicate it will be no object; I went and asked the pawnbroker half a crown

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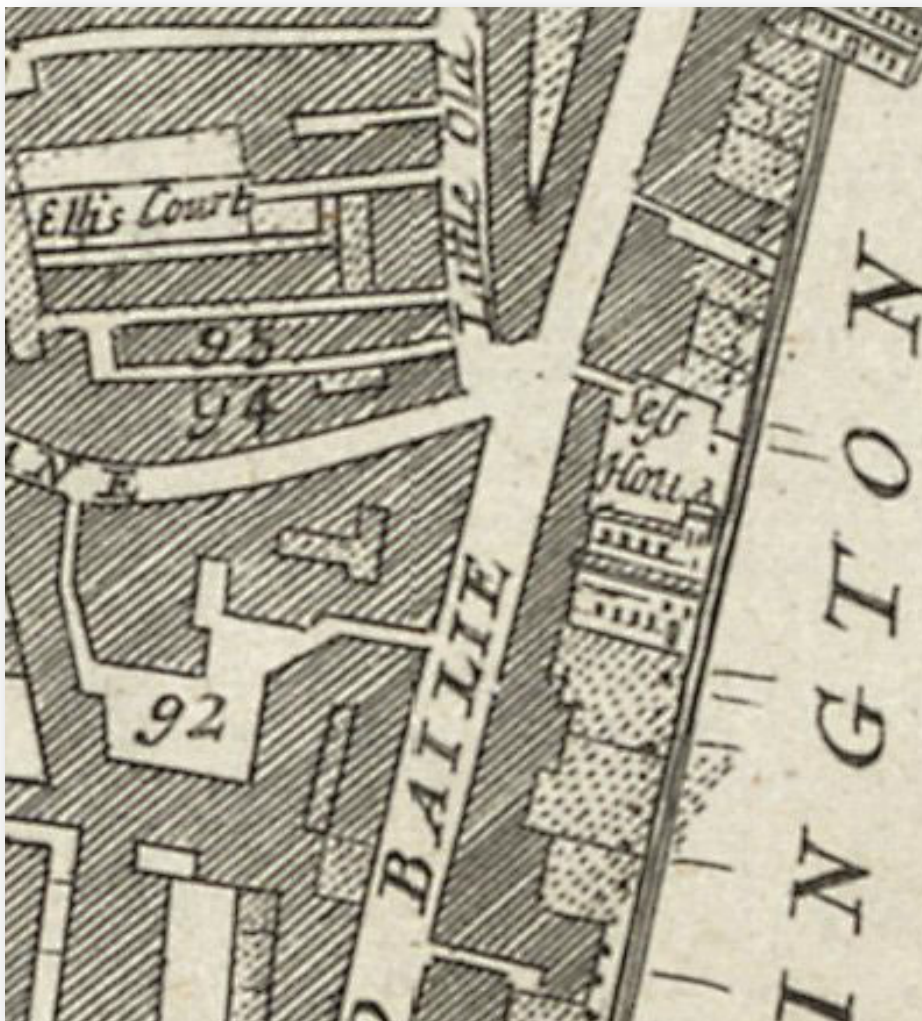
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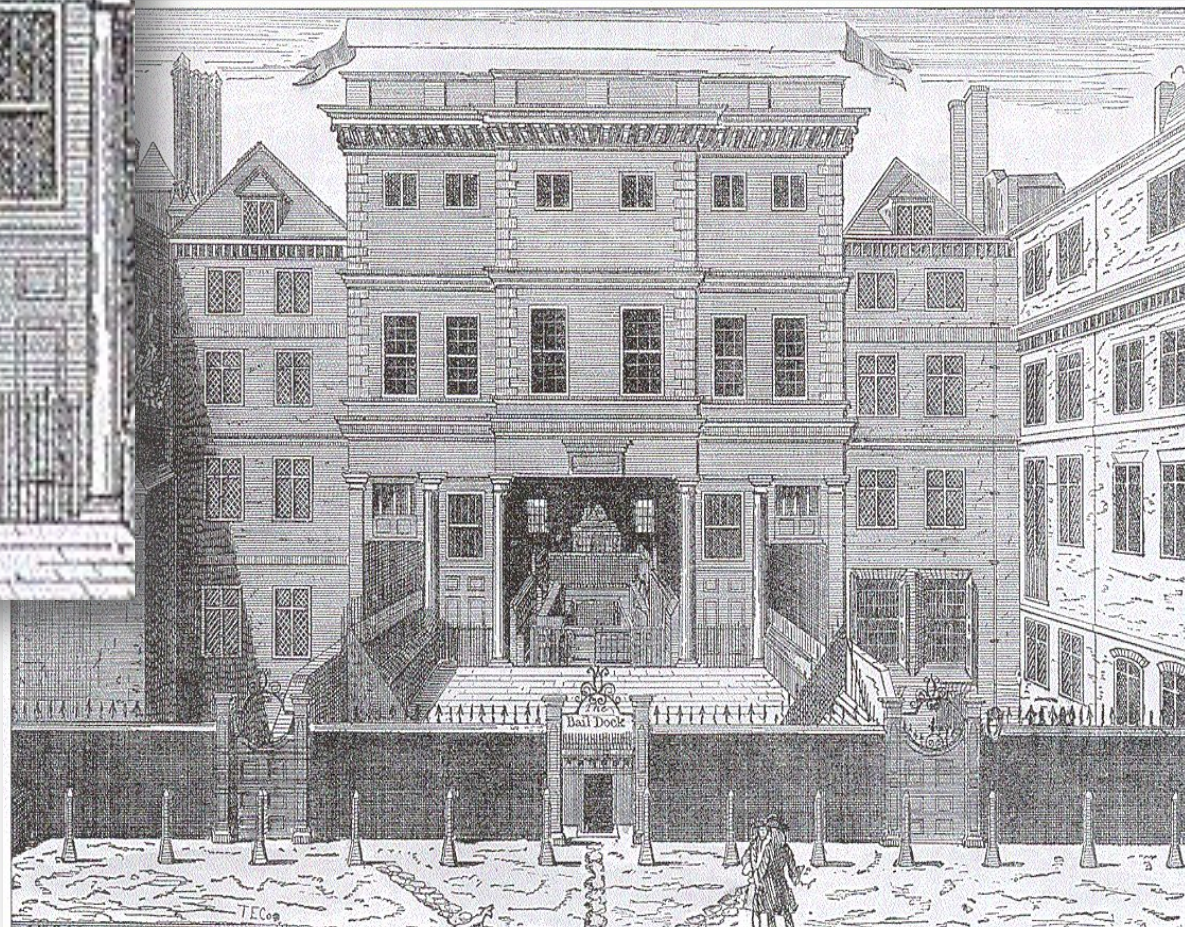
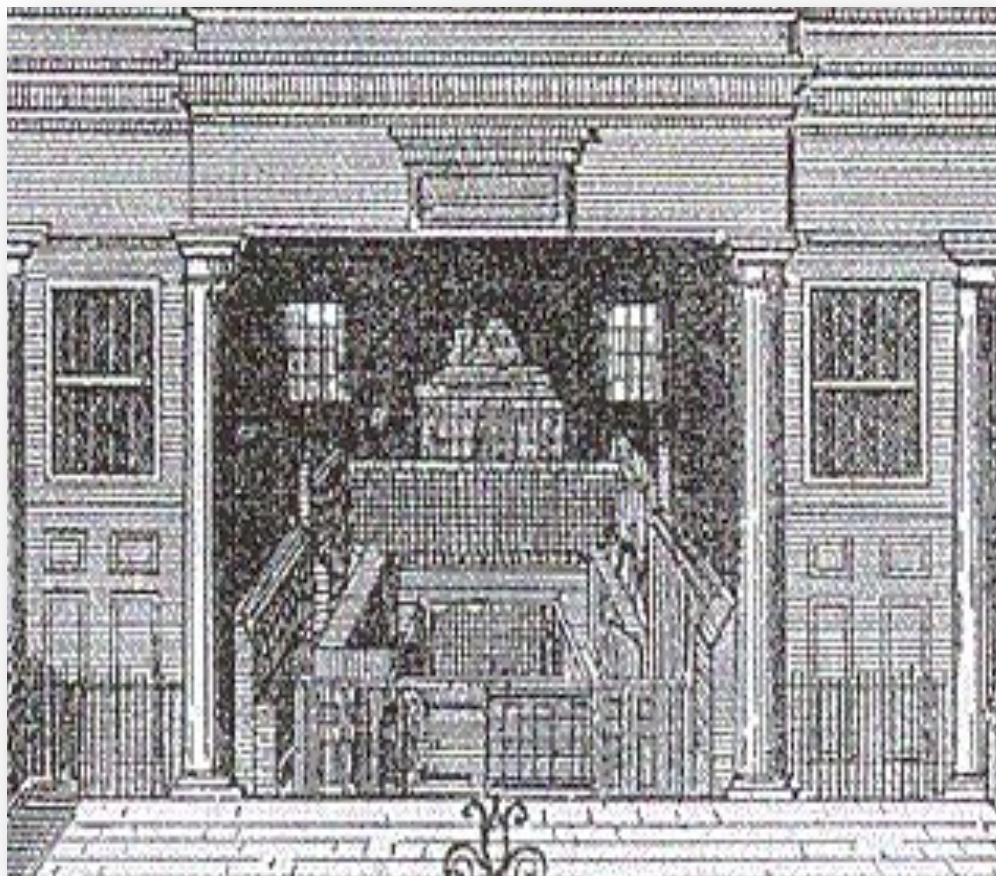


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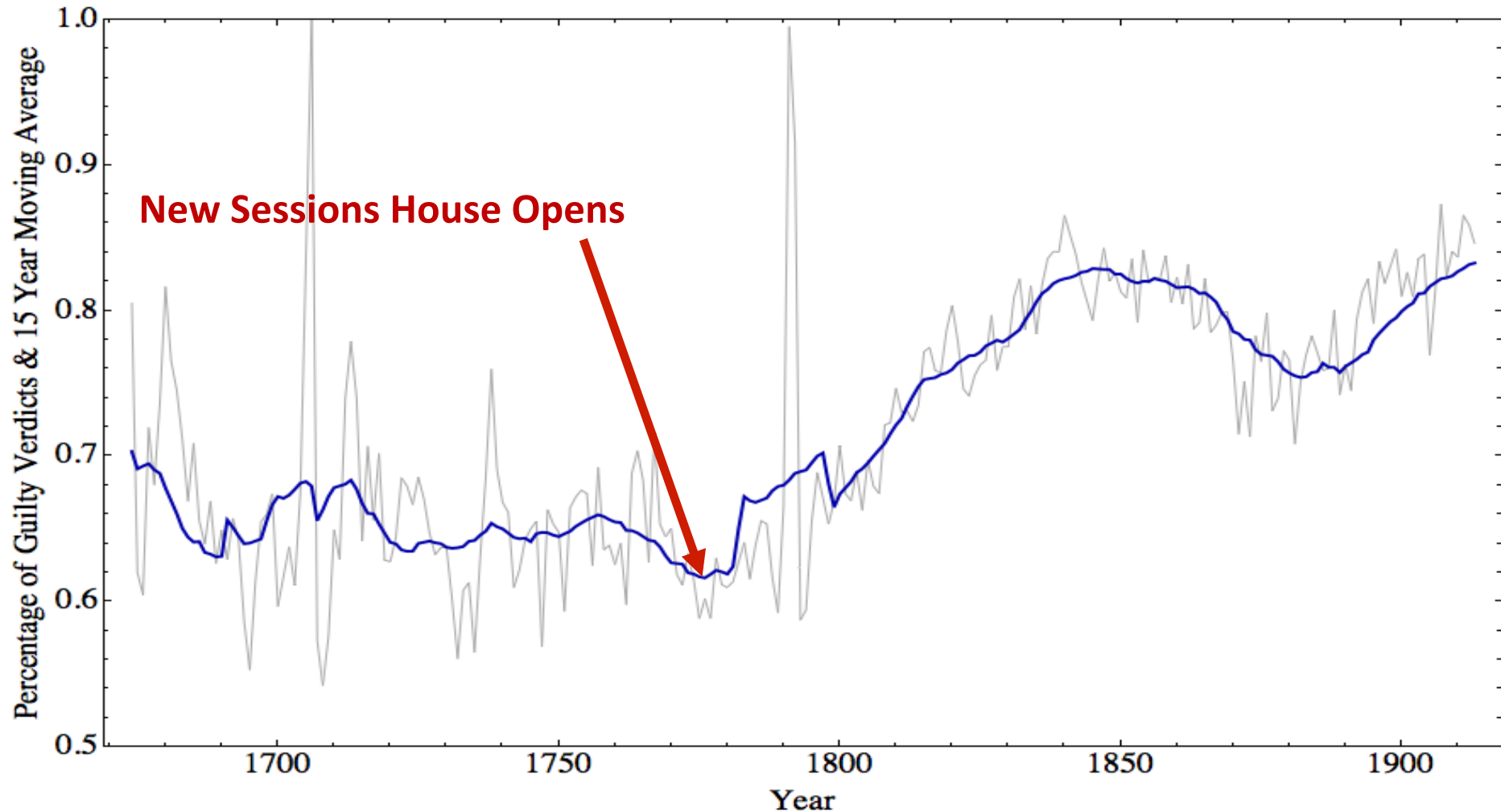
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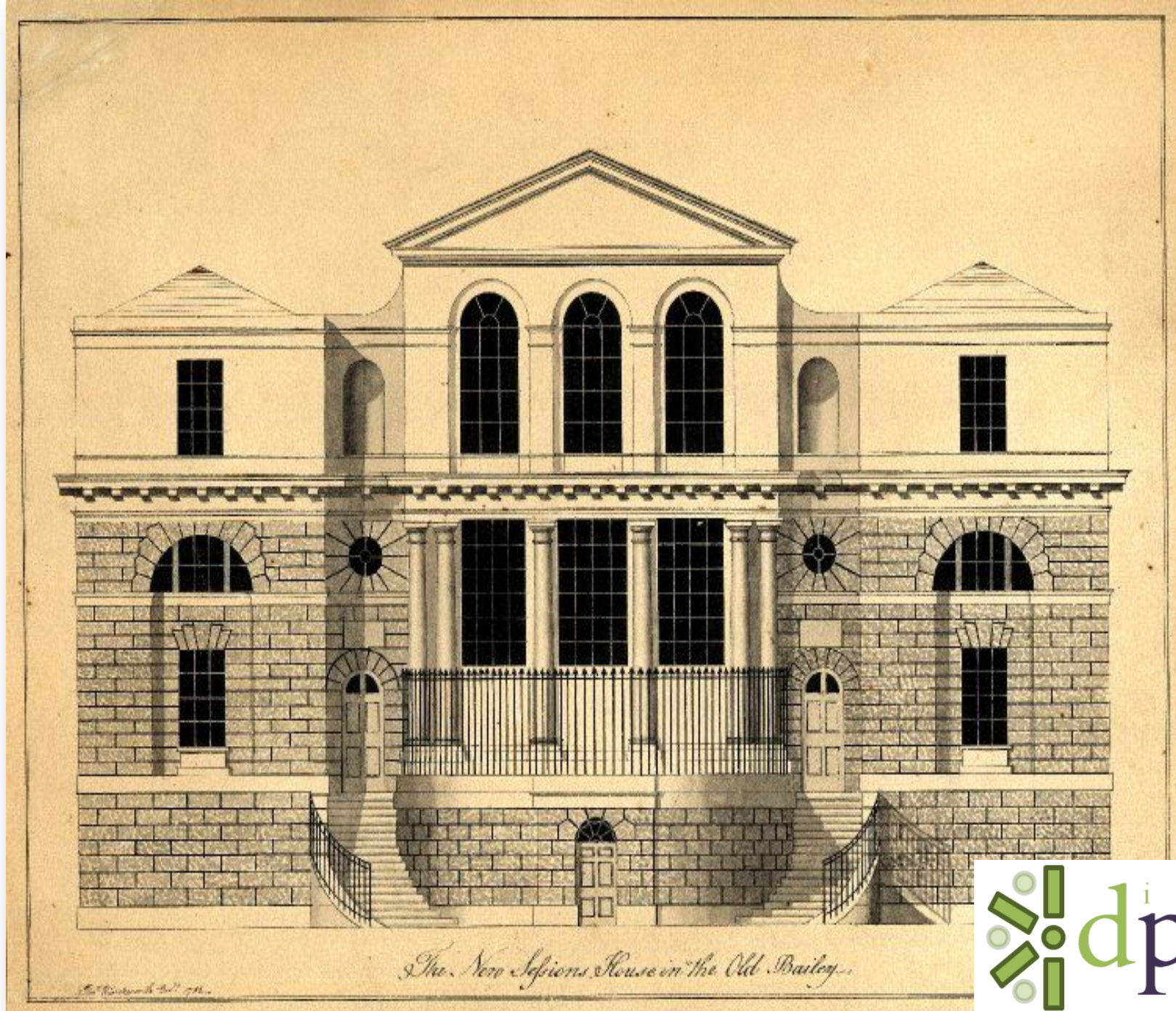
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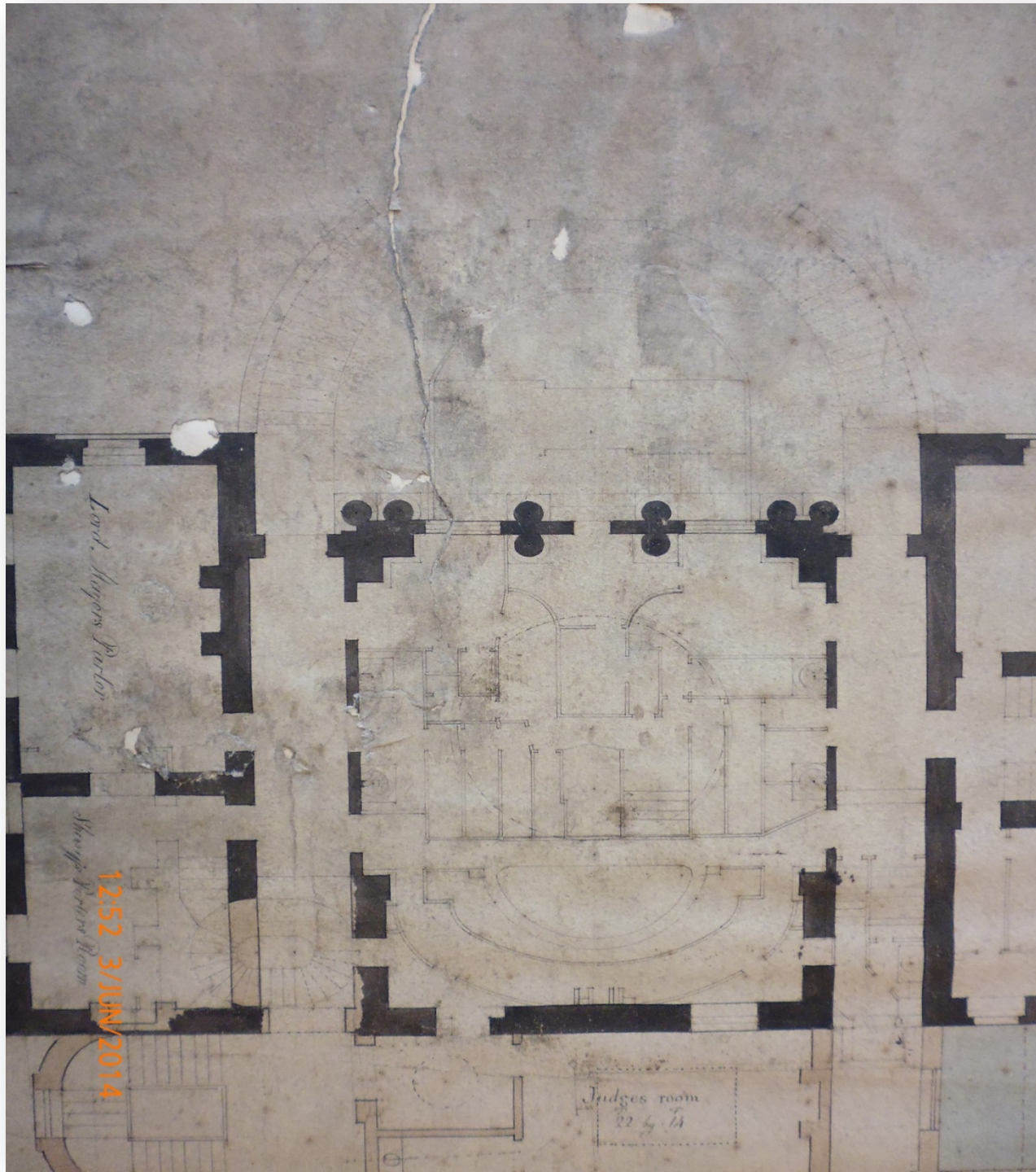






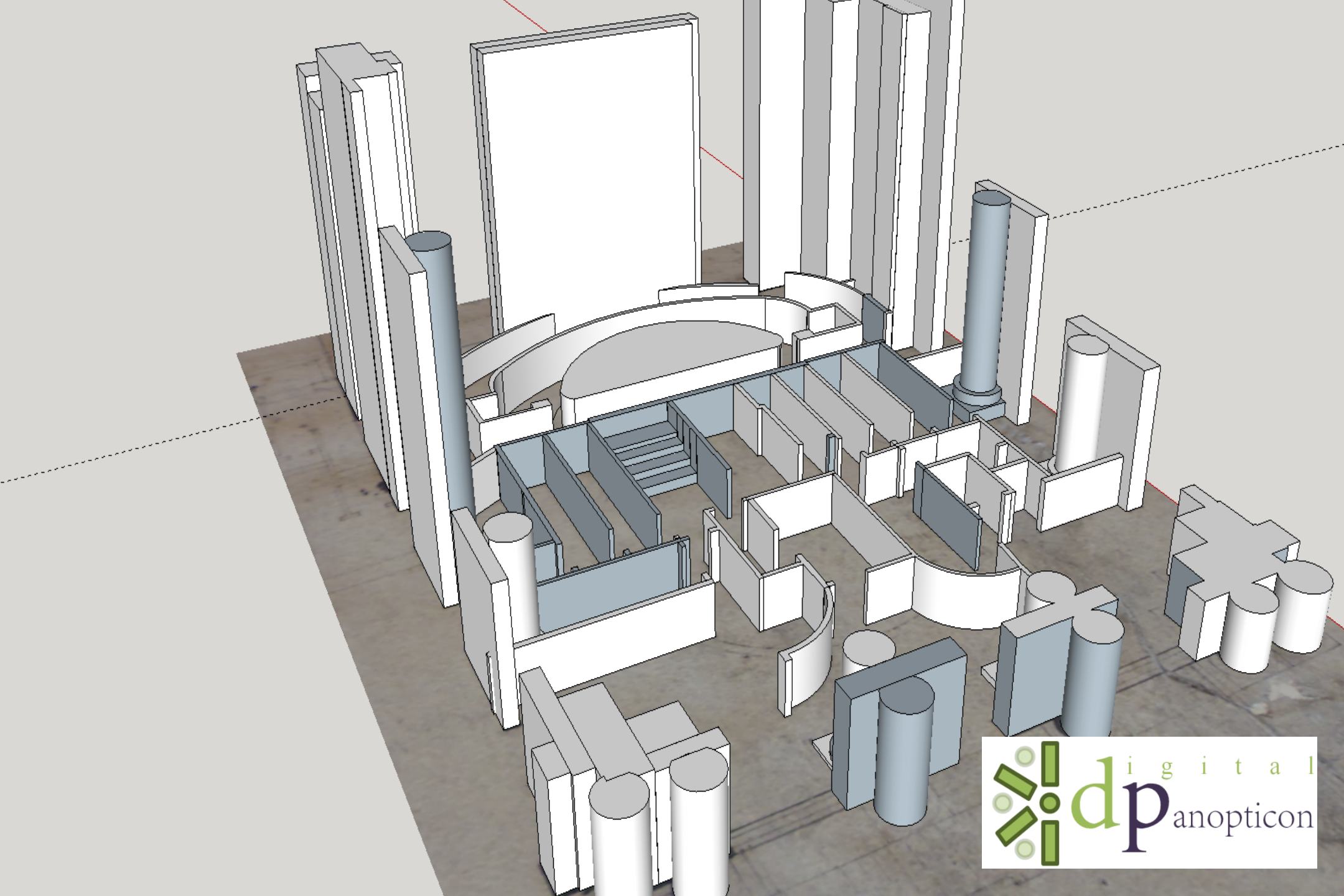
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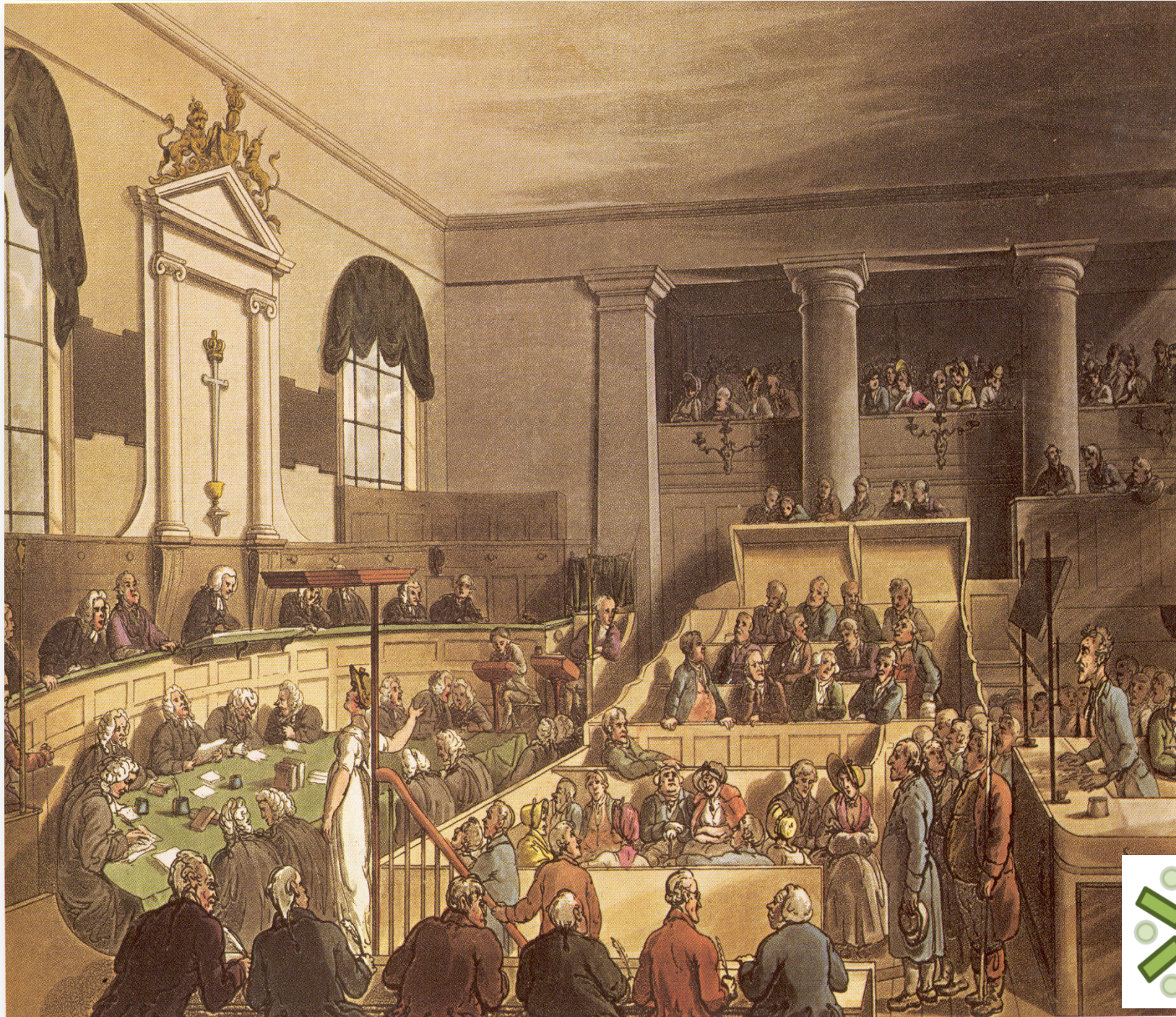


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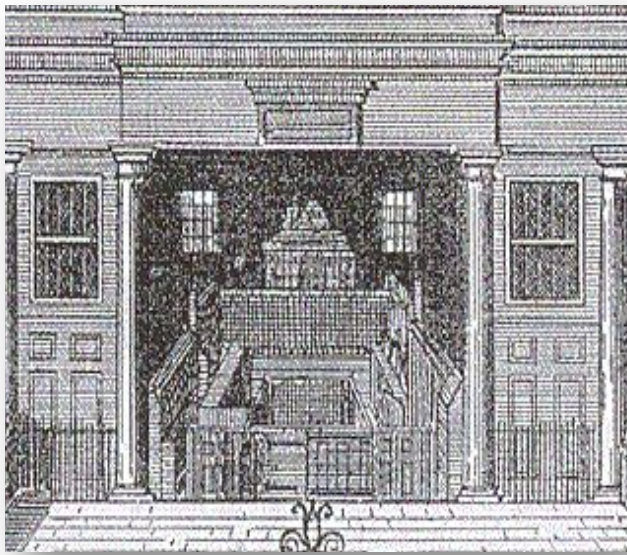






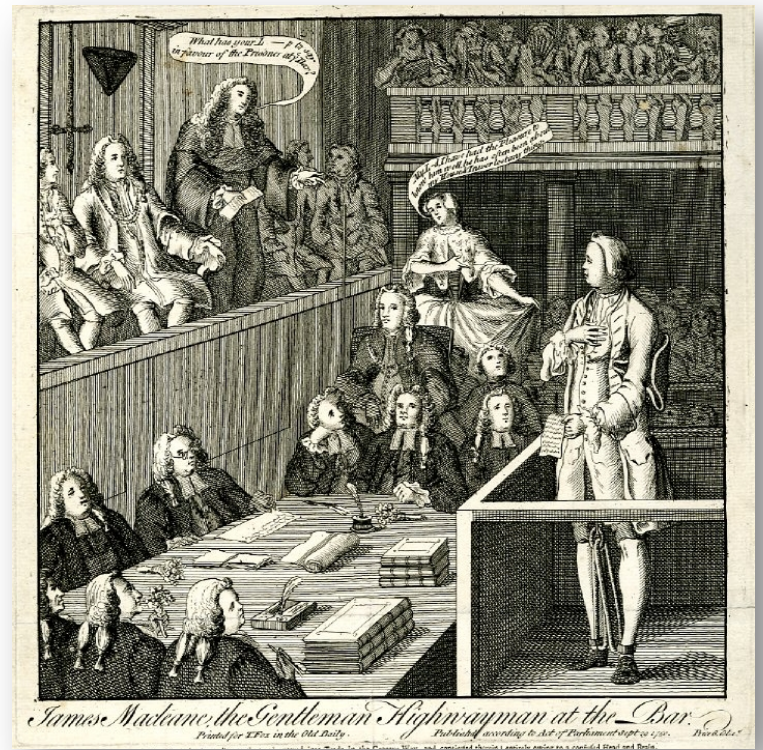
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c. 1750

Before 1737



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