

Dover March 24 1775

The Committee also took into Consideration a Letter from Jabez Maud Fisher, directed to the Chairman of this Committee, which was read and is in the following Words Viz.

Gentlemen

To the Committee of Kent County

I Received a Letter from Kent County, an extract where of appeared in the Pennsylvania Ledger of 11.<sup>th</sup> Feb.<sup>ry</sup> ---I do assure You that the said Extract is faithfully taken from the Original That my Name is lodged with the Printer, as the Person who Rec.<sup>d</sup> the Letter, And I have Offered him the most entire Information relative to its Authenticity--but he is Satisfied--At the same Time permit me to inform You that any Attempts to discover the Author will not Avail--it being so great a Violation of the Liberty of the Press to demand it--And this Liberty of the Press has been so warmly Recommended by the Congress, that I cannot Suppress my Astonishment, that a Committee appointed to Execute their Resolves, should Appear so Active in it--And for my part I am determined never to give him up. In this Resolution I am confident I shall be Supported by every true Friend to Liberty- I would be far from meaning to censure so truly a respectable Body as the Committee of Your County, but I confess I was not a Little Surprized to find the illiberal Attacks upon the Author, he being charged with "a base Calumny and--Falsehood" When I well know he is capable of neither, And that he is a true Friend to Constitutional Liberty, And his whole Letter is Nothing but mere matter of Opinion.

Jabez Maud Fisher

Phila<sup>d</sup> 21.<sup>st</sup> Feb.<sup>ry</sup> 1775