

John Dickinson

- Founding father who was opposed to independence
- Abstained from voting on and signing the Declaration of Independence
- Wrote "Letters from a Pennsylvania Farmer" published in the colonies, in England and in France, which united the colonists against the Townshend Acts, prompting the occupation of Boston and the leading to the Boston Massacre
- Member of the Continental Congress and the Constitutional Convention, wrote essays to promote the Constitution
- Served as Pennsylvania governor

Primary Sources

Journals of Congress, containing proceedings from ... to ...

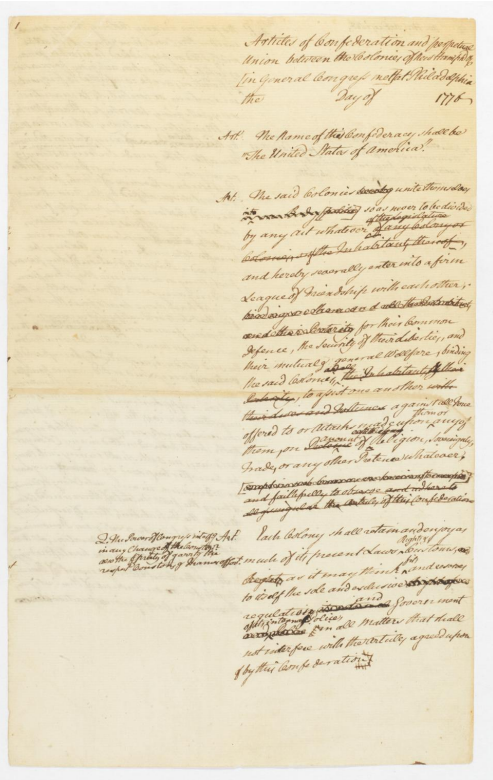
by United States Continental Congress

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Dickinson Family Papers 1676-1885

Correspondence, documents, business records, essays, notes, and newspaper clippings of John Dickinson, lawyer and statesman. The collection consists almost entirely of papers collected by Dickinson in relation to his political and business activities, but there are some miscellaneous papers of Sally Norris Dickinson, his daughter. Although the correspondence deals predominantly with Dickinson's activities in the public, governmental sphere, a significant portion concerns his private affairs, especially land and business activities.

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R. R. Logan Collection of John Dickinson papers

The R.R. Logan Collection contains mainly papers relating to John Dickinson. There are

ten boxes and one volume spanning from 1671 to 1882 with few gaps. The papers of John Dickinson have been divided into five subseries– correspondence, political, legal and financial, related families, and miscellaneous.

The bulk of his papers are comprised of correspondence and political and religious papers. There are also a significant number of legal documents.

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(Draft of the Articles of Confederation by John Dickinson, 1776, from the R.R. Logan Collection of John Dickinson papers. Collection #383 Box 3, Folder 20. Digital Archive item #8982)

Letters from a farmer in Pennsylvania to the inhabitants of the British Colonies

by John Dickinson, published 1768

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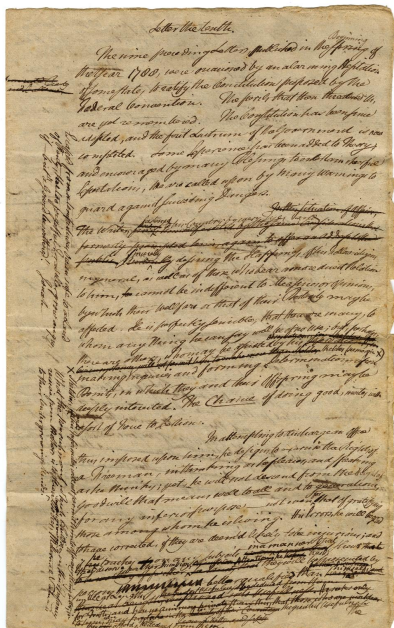
A new essay (by the Pennsylvanian farmer) on the constitutional power of Great-Britain over the colonies in America : with the resolves of the Committee for the province of Pennsylvania, and their instructions to their representatives in Assembly.

by John Dickinson, published 1774

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Available online:

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The letters of Fabius, in 1788, on the Federal Constitution, and in 1797, on the present situation of public affairs

By John Dickinson, published 1797

(multiple copies available)

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(First page of Fabius letter by John Dickinson, 1794, from the R.R. Logan Collection of John Dickinson papers. Collection #383, Box 4, Folder 12, Digital Archive item #9860)

The political writings of John Dickinson, esquire, late president of the state of Delaware, and of the commonwealth of Pennsylvania.

by John Dickinson, published 1801

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Volume 2 available online:

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The writings of John Dickinson

Vol. 1 Political writings 1764-1774, edited at the request of The Historical Society of Pennsylvania, by Paul Leicester Ford, published 1895

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Available online:

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Secondary Sources

John Dickinson

by Frank Gaylord Cook, published 1890

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The life and character of John Dickinson

Read before the Historical Society of Delaware, May 21, 1900

by Robert H. Richards

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Call number: UDel 050 H673p

Available online:

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John Dickinson, forgotten patriot

by Edwin Wolf, published 1967

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