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To commemorate the publication of the first volumes of *The Complete Writings and Selected Correspondence of John Dickinson*, ed. Jane E. Calvert's John Dickinson Writing Project (University of Delaware Press/Rutgers University Press), this symposium will, for the first time, assemble a range of scholars from various disciplines doing new and original work on Dickinson. John Dickinson (1732–1808) was a prolific statesman and lawyer who wrote more for the American cause than any other figure. For the first time, his papers are being collected and made accessible to scholars and the public. This symposium will feature scholarship based on the sources collected by the John Dickinson Writings Project.

This two-day event is free and open to the public and will be hosted and sponsored jointly by the [American Philosophical Society](#), the [Historical Society of Pennsylvania](#), the [Library Company of Philadelphia](#), and the [McNeil Center for Early American Studies](#). Thursday evening Jack N. Rakove, emeritus William Robertson Coe Professor of History and American Studies, and Professor of Political Science and (by courtesy) Law at Stanford University, will open the symposium at the American Philosophical Society with a keynote address, "John Dickinson, Political Conscience, and the Dilemma of the Moderates." Friday will feature a series of expert panels hosted at the Historical Society of Pennsylvania and a closing reception at the Library Company of Philadelphia. REGISTER HERE: <https://support.librarycompany.org/Dickinson>

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