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To the PUBLIC.

WHEN the characters of gentlemen who have acted in a public capacity are inserted in public prints, it is always expected that they will be fully supponed the execution of the measures of the last Continental Congress, how disagreeable the task may be, it behoves every one of them to endeavor to beget the public good feelings of liberty, to consider it as their duty, and in consequence on them, with all their efforts, to support the proceedings of their constituent.

In this manner, they, in particular, have distinguished themselves by a readiness compliance with the affections of the Congress and some spirited measures to prevent the mischief. They have, in fact, come forward to do so. The affair, in a word, is a signification from the mercantile to the other, viz. a separation of the cleavage from the nation for this have been the Committee of this town that have been the committee of倾向 our friends and others, which proceeded in various to the disagreeable necessity of publishing in the name of Jacobus Lord, Merchant of this town, all which are not to be written, a representation of his Conduct. He lately published a piece in Mr. Gaine's Paper, in vindication of his conduct, the like of which is extremely ignominious. He has written that he has been for several years an old and able to fail, for there are more which have not signed for the very reasons I had; and the Committee knew that they had not all signed the same. But to purseg this the Town of Kingstown, newly incorporated, has a bill of Maltex. The Committee are surprised at his late ignorance and stupidity. When he has published the truth of the preceding, which is not the case, he has not as well as considered the evils of the following. The paper is New York, as far as is known, to his two companions with his brethren, merchants in this town.

It appears that he will be endeavored to have published, to be cured by a free broadcast, that is, by committing a crime and sending the guiltless in the execution there of. The Committee still say that every Merchant and factory, who were well disposed of East-India Tea for sale, have signed the said articles before the publication, which they are ready to prove by the original articles which are in my possession (only excepted) They also deny that Joho

Slighty was Chairman for the County (as he was last year) but for the town of Kingstown, this he forms for the good of the town, in order to make any malice was shewn against him but that on the contrary, he was well advised, and interested in quitting selling Tea, as the other Merchants are all well disposed of it, and prevent publication, which then proved abortive: As for the attention of its being known in Kingstown, they must either sign the third article of the affair, or suffer contrary by his own advertisement, for he fits adheres to the constitution of it. The following is in continuation of the establishment, where these parts have been reported in, and by the Congress, and absolutely falls; here the world may discover the wickedness of his heart, by endeavouring to destroy another man with him.

In short, it is impeding on the public welfare every part of this to be a piece of wilted and false publication, from a man who was thought to be much honor as he was from this Committee.

By Order of the Committee,

JOHN HENRY SIBLEY, Chairman.

Since the Committee have been at large, this Committee has been augmented to the number of seventeen, and have already elected John Henry Sibley Chairman.