"Is the relinquishment of the trial by jury and the liberty of the press necessary for your liberty? Will the abandonment of your most sacred rights tend to the security of your liberty? Liberty, the greatest of all earthly blessings — give us that precious jewel, and you may take every things else! Guard with jealous attention the public liberty. Suspect every one who approaches that jewel." (speech in the Virginia Convention, June 5, 1788)

Patrick Henry was an ardent advocate for individual liberties. a statesman and revolutionary era leader, he served as the first and sixth Governor of Virginia.