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On March 28, 1779, at Roxbury Township, William Fisher, in discourse with Captain Nathan Luce and others, was heard to say: "Damn the Congress and all their proceedings. Damn General Washington".

PLAINTIFF	State of New Jersey
DEFENDANT	Fisher, William (Yeoman) (of Roxbury)
EVIDENCE (WITNESS CALLED)	Luce, Nathan (Captain)
OFFICIAL	Paterson, William (Attorney General)
JURY FOREMAN	Howell, Benjamin

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The State } Indictment
of }
William Fisher } for
Seditious
Words,

Attne Bill

Benj^l Howell Foreman

Def. being arraigned pleads
Guilty &

The Jurors, in Behalf of the State of Maryland, for the
County of Prince Georges, upon their Oath depose, That William
Lippin late of the Township of Rosberry, German, being a Justice and
disaffected Person, on the twenty eighth Day of March, in the Year of our
Lord, one thousand seven hundred & seventy Nine at the Town-
ship of Rosberry, — in the S. County having discourse then
there with Capl Nathan Luce and other Subjects of this
State concerning the present War waged and carried on
by the King of Great Britain against this State, and
the united States of America, and of concerning the
honorable the Congress of the U. States, and of his Excel-
lency General Washington Commander in Chief of the Ar-
mies of the U. States in the Presence & Hearing of the said
Nathan Luce then being a Subject of this State as of. And
of divers other Subjects of this State then and there being
present, did falsely, maliciously, advisedly, unlawfully
and seditiously say, assert, affirm pronounce and with
a loud voice declare then false, malicious, seditious
and opprobrious English words following, that is
to say: Damn the Congress (meaning the honorable
the Continental Congress of) and all their Pro-
ceedings. damn General Washington (meaning
his Excellency the Commander in Chief as a) and
to the evil Example of all others in the like Case of
fearing, against the form of the Act of the Council
of General Assembly of this State in such Case made
provided, against the Peace of this State, the Govern-
ment and Dignity of the same —

Wm Caterson
Att Gen