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Mr. Nelson J. Molter, Director
State Library
Annapolis, Maryland

Dear Mr. Molter:

I thank you for your letter of November 5th and for the photostatic copy of the Samuel Chase item.

There would appear to be some disagreement as to the place where this item was printed. Torrence (327) attributes it, with question mark, to the Williamsburg press of William Rind, but I suspect he was simply transcribing Evans's entry (10253) which gives the same place and printer, also with question mark. Wroth, in his History of Printing in Colonial Maryland attributes it to the press of Hasselback, Baltimore (263), citing the time factor as evidence against its having been printed in Williamsburg. I, personally, think Wroth's argument is convincing.

Since the bill for the work was not included, I assume your photo department will send it later.

We are glad to have the copy of Samuel Chase's letter, and thank you for your kind cooperation.

Sincerely yours,

/s/
Virginus C. Hall, Jr.
Curator of Rare Books

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waited upon Mr. John Green the Printer of this Province, with the following Libel, with the Aspersions of Messrs. Dulaney, M. Murchison, Geo. Stuart, John Brice and D. Scott, published against me in the Maryland Gazette Extraordinary of 7th 19th 1771. It being at my Reputation and exposing me to Contempt, and Refusing me the Liberty of a Vindication, upon the presence of the Libel of my of Mr. F. L. V. D. S. I have been open for my Enemies to reflect both upon my private and publick Life, in the most cruel and severe Manner, has reduced me to the Necessity of taking this Step of Clearing myself to the World.

SAMUEL CHASE.

Messrs.
 Walter Dulaney
 M. Murchison
 Geo. Stuart
 John Brice
 D. Scott.

GENTLEMEN,

THE Value, which every Man should set upon his Reputation, induces me to take this public Notice of the virulent Reflections, you have thrown out against Me. In the Conclusion of your last controversial paper with the Grand-Jury of this City: And if that Temper of Mind, which makes up your distinguishing Characteristic, had equal Existence in Me, I would in my Turn mark you out to the World in the ludicrous and ignominious Colours, You have been pleased to represent Me: But I mean not here in Imitation of yourselves, *in rail, lie, and expose*—that noble Employment, and solid Amusement, I leave to Men of your illustrious Characters! I have Nothing in View but the Vindication of Myself from the foulest Abuse, that Malice could invent: Permit Me then, Gentlemen, to expostulate with You, upon the Ground of your infamous Aspersions, and I promise to do it with all the Temper and Coolness, that you have a Right to expect from a Man, whom you have wantonly injured, vilified and traduced.

I do not know, whether the Publick will expect, that I shall enter into a Vindication of Myself from your general Scandal of being “*a busy, restless incendiary,—a Kingleader of a Mob,—a foul mouthed and insidious Son of Discord,—a Faction,—a common Disturber of the publick Tranquillity*”—which, Gentlemen, you have, with so much Spirit and Decency, furiously charged upon me. Is this Language the Effusion of publick Spirit and injured Magistracy, or the Venom of Revenge, and Rage of Malice? If you had any Foundation in Truth for such atrocious Calumny and Inveective, why did you not particularize the *Mob*, I have led, or singled out an Instance in which I have played the Villain in spreading *Discord and Faction*, and Disturbing the *publick Tranquillity*? But this was inconsistent with your base Designs: You well know, I could then meet you upon your Aspersions, with such Proof, as would give the Lie to your Scurrility, and expose you to the Ridicule and Contempt of every honest Man. I admit, Gentlemen,—if such part of my Conduct you mean—that I was one of them, who committed to the Flames, in Effigy, the Stamp—Distributor for this Province, and who openly disputed the Parliamentary Right to Tax the Colonies.—While you—to do you Justice—Skulked in your Houses—some of you asserting the Parliamentary Right, and esteeming the Stamp Act a beneficial Law.—Others of you meanly grumbling in your Corners, and not daring to speak out your Sentiments. I omit further, that when the Sons of Liberty met here from the different Counties of the Province, I heartily concurred in the Measures then adopted to open the publick Offices. Is this, Gentlemen, the Ground of your Displeasure and Violence? Is it *Faction, Sedition*, or an Infringement upon the *publick Peace*, openly to controvert the Parliamentary Right to Tax the Colonies? Was it a *Mob* who destroyed, in Effigy, our Stamp—Distributor? Was it a *Mob* who assembled here from the different Counties of the Province, and opened the publick Offices? Whatever ridiculous Vanity may whisper in your Ears, or that Pride and Arrogance suggest, which is natural to despicable Pimps, and Tools of Power, emerged from Obscurity, and basking in proprietary Sun shine, in spite of such Vanity and Pride, you must confess *them* to be your *SUPERIORS*, Men of Reputation and Merit, who are mentioned with Respect, while you are named with Contempt, pointed and hissed as Wretches.

—Fruges consumere nati,
 horn but to eat, and ———— *stink*.
 But, Gentlemen, give Me leave to lay, your Venom flows from personal *Dispreance*, not *Love of Justice*. The *Mob*, you speak of, were the People of this City, who opposed you, my good Friend, Mr. Walter Dulaney, and you my generous Benefactor Doctor George Stuart, at your respective Elections for this City. I am far from wondering that your Malice, *that* *Stuart* has been kept alive to this Day.—Livy is a

The honorable Epitaph given Dr. Stuart by the late *Govr*, for the Services done the Lord Proprietary by him, as a Representative of this City.

... People relying you, — in full for their Confidence and Trust, which you had repeatedly betrayed, elected Me in your Room. I am not ashamed to own, that I exerted Myself, in Opposition to you. It was my Opinion that a Man without *Mercy, Integrity, or Ability*, was totally disqualified to be the Representative of a Free People. You had no other Influence, but — proprietary Influence, Court Influence, and the Wealth and Interest of the Fools and Sycophants, who inhabit this City. pray, Sir, what *Catalogue of eminent Qualities*, mark and distinguish your Character? — *a Man in Universal Odium — except into the Province from a Foreign Donor — raised by the Hand of Charity* — and by *Cringing, and Flattering, and Pimping, and Lying*, sneak'd into Proprietary Notice. — You have, Sir; upon the Strength of Court Influence, been a Representative of this City, for several past Elections. — Will you be pleas'd to furnish the Publick with a *Catalogue* of the Services you did your Country in that Station: Swell up your *Catalogue* to Volume, I can still boast more — the single Service, I did my Country, in polling against, and defeating you in your Election, will weigh down every publick Benefit, you have done, even counting, if you will, from the first Moment, you crawled here, and cleansed yourself of your filthy Rags, up to your present elevated Sphere of — *One of his LORDSHIPS Judges of the Land OFFICE?*

And is it *Love of Justice*, Mr. Dulany, that has placed you among the Number of my Enemies? What was the Opinion, you entertain'd of Me when we went, Hand in Hand, in the Opposition to our Adversary Doctor *Stewart*? Did you not, in your *respectable* Judgment, esteem Me far the preferable Man, for one of the Representatives of this City? Did you not hold him, in that Contempt, which every Man *then* did, and must *still* hold him? What Homage, what Bending of the Knee, what Condescension has worked so powerfully upon your Affections, as to induce a Reconciliation and a Change of Sentiment of him? Or what *Reformation*, do you mark; that demands your Compassion for him, and Leave to shine with you, in the Publick Gazette, in Vindication of *injured Merit, and Reputation*? And what Fault, Sir, — disclose it to the World — can you object to my Conduct, as merits the *heavy Punishment* of being expelled from your Arms, and blotted out from the Number of your *Worthies*? I beg permission to freshen up your Memory: After We were elected Representatives for this City, your Seat became vacant by your Acceptance of an Office, under the Government: I oppos'd your Re-election: I did it upon the Principle, We made our Opposition to our Adversary Doctor *Stewart*: The Motto of our Flag, and the general Voice, was NO PLACEMAN, I deem'd it absurd and inconsistent Conduct to cut short and Vote for a *Placeman* — — tho' recommended with a *Catalogue of YOUR eminent Qualities*. You were re-elected by mere Chance — but upon a Petition from the Citizens, coming in of an undue Election, you were *again* discharged from the House, and another Gentleman chosen in your Room. I was unfortunately of *that Number*, who were of Opinion, your Election was void, and voted accordingly. This, Sir, is the Cause of your Resentment against Me: And hence that pious Christian Resolution — extremely becoming a Gentleman of your amiable Character — to ruin my Reputation, and make a Sacrifice of Me.

BUT, Sir, I laugh at your *folly*: Tho' from the bottom of my Heart I pity your *revengeful Temper*. You may *rage*, and *gnash your Teeth* — but it is a Misfortune you must lament, I am far out of your Reach. —

As for you, Mr. *Brice*. The Difference, subsisting between Us, is so well known here, that your Aspersions will have but little Weight. Your Passion for Wealth must naturally flame into Resentment, upon an Opposition or Disappointment of your Schemes of Property. Ask your own Heart, whence your Spleen and Bitterness against Me? Can you alledge any other Reason, but that of *Retaining your Personal Strength*, which you exerted to put Me aside, while I made Application and obtained a Proclamation Warrant for a Tract of Land, which you had fix'd a *ugly* Eye upon, and endeavour'd to affect by the same Method? It was this, that drew upon Me your Resentment: For from that Time I have constantly met with your *formidable* Frowns and Opposition.

I might, Mr. *Brice*, pass over you without a single Observation, the People of this Province are so extremely well acquainted with the happy Figure, you make among Us, that

your invectives, can as little affect the People of the Province, as the Whetstone, that has just been used to swell, and talk big of Flattery, that you, Sir — thou Pimperforth even from that *piece of your — OWN MOUTH!* Tho' of this City! when, but a few years since, the *Whetstone*, a *people's interest* driven from Subsistence abroad. And Thou have you since quitted the *Whetstone*, and the *discreet* Ad and *prudently* embarked in the ployment of Dancing Attendance Great? How well adapted to your *affected Wisdom, great Graces* you have, indeed, play'd off your Talents, to the best Advantage Moments — when counting up Offices, of Clerk of the Upper Lordship's Council, and Exam do you not feel a poignant C of your Freedom for dirty G rise up in View, and awfully r your Wealth, you are a wretch was demanded in the Gazette: *Master*, who out of Compassion your Party, has Commenced y

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to swell, and talk big of himself! Is it not amazing, Presump-
tion that you, Sir — thou Pink of Modesty — should Trum-
per forth even from that *poor and maim'd state* *vention of Truth*
your OWN MOUTH! That you are one of the *BETTERS*
of this City! when, but a few Years ago, your sole De-
pendance was the *Glister Pipe*, and your Situation that only of
a *peoples Emigrant* driven from Home by Poverty to seek for
Subsistence abroad. And Thou *deep Politician!* How prudently
have you since quited the difficult Study of *Hippocrates* and
Galen, and the *discernable* Administration of the *Glister Pipe*,
and prudently embark'd in the more *profitable* and *honourable* Em-
ployment of Dancing Attendance, and Fawning upon the
Great? How well adapted to this *prudent* Scheme of Life is
your *affected Wisdom*, *great Gravity*, and *low, deliberate* *Voice!*
you have, indeed, play'd off your Address, and natural
Talents, to the best Advantage — yet in your most joyous
Moments — when counting up the exorbitant Profits of your
Offices, of Clerk of the Upper-House of Assembly, of his
Lordship's Council, and Examiner General of the Province —
do you not feel a poignant Compunction for the Prostitution
of your Freedom for dirty Gold? does injured Liberty never
rise up in View, and awfully reproach you? But, Sir, with all
your Wealth, you are a wretched *Dependant*: Your Name
was demanded in the Gazette: It was the Command of your
Master, who out of Compassion to the miserable Abilities of
your Party, has Commenced your *Patron* and *Penman*. —
The Consequences of a bad Life, Mr. *Macnemara*, which
have reduced you to a *servile Dependency*, prevent many Ob-
servations upon your Conduct. Are you too, Sir, among
the Number, who proclaim Me, " *unworthy of every Kind of*
publick Trust?" — Certainly that Man, who can discard the Trust
of Nature for a Brothel, can have as little Merit for the pub-
lick Confidence. And do you too, Sir, infamously Charge
Me with want of *Virtue* and *Integrity*? And with a *Versatility of*
Principles? — It is with Pain, I remind you of the unhappy
Circumstances of your Children, reduced to Beggary, by
your continued Round of *Vice*, and *Folly*, *Drunkenness* and *De-
bauchery*. Driven from the Bosom of that Parent, who, from
the Ties of Nature, should nourish and support them, they
eat their Bread under the Roof of the charitable Stranger! Is
it *Virtue*, or *Integrity*, or a *Versatility of Principles*, that have ex-
tinguished the Feelings of Nature, and deadened all the Sen-
sibility of the Father? What pleasures, can You find in the
Harlots Embraces, to induce you to fling from your Arms
your Infants in Distress, and weeping at the Feet of Charity?
Peace be to your Heart, if Peace can find Existence there.
Having thus, Gentlemen, shewn the real Motives of your
Scandal and Abuse, I shall beg your Patience, while I apply
Myself to your Charge of *Ingatitude*, and what you mention
as an Extract of " *a LATE celebrated Speech* I made, respect-
ing the Stamp Act.
I must, Gentlemen, confess, I am truly confounded at the
matchless Assurance, with which, you have published to the
World the most palpable Falstiy, you could possibly invent
that " to your Appointment I was for some Years indebted
" for my *best bread*": And equally false, and malicious, is
that virulent Assertion, that " like the Viper I would Sting
" the Bosoms, which had warm'd Me into Life." Surely, that
Man must possess the most despicable Meanness of Heart, who
expects the Returns of Gratitude, for a *reluctant, ingenuous*
Benefit! But what must be the Composition of the Soul of
that Wretch, who boasts a Benefaction, in the Doing of an
Act of *Necessity*, without Choice, or the most distant Intention
of Conferring a Profit? I admit Gentlemen, that to your Ap-
pointment I was indebted for the Prosecutor's Place of the
Mayor's Court of this City, — and do you, *you*, assume the
sacred Name of *Benefactors*, and affect the Parent — Bosom,
which has given Nutriment to my Existence? When you con-
ferred upon Me, that honourable Appointment, did *Benefit*
no more, and a *single Solicitude* for my Happiness suggest the
Charity, or did *Necessity* induce the Act? Let the Fact be
stated. — In 1761 I qualified in the Mayor's Court, the Be-
nefactors consisted of three Practitioners, Messrs *William Pugh*
John Arice Junior, and Myself, all of Us Students of the Law
under Gentlemen of this City, who qualified merely for Im-
provement, without the remotest View of Profit: The Pro-
secutor's Place was vacant, at the Time of my Qualification,
by the Death of *an* *Arice*. Who filed that *incorrupt*

... The Plea was offered to ...
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But I am charged as a Favourer of the Stamp-Act, and
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... what Facility, Gentlemen, can be too big for your Utterance?
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... the passage of the Stamp Act? Who burnt
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...Amerciaments from a Neglect of Duty to bring in the
...Defendants, according to the Return of their Writs, than
...upon the Plaintiffs, who had been Guilty of no Laches; and
...that the Sheriffs might take their Remedy upon the *Bail Bonds*,
...I differed in Opinion, and argued, that the special Bails in
...Court, and Securities upon Bail Bonds, should not be dis-
...tinguished, when under like Circumstances: That as the spe-
...cial Bails in Court had been relieved by a Proviso, in the Act,
...so I contended the same Provision should be made for the
...Sheriffs, and Securities in Bail Bonds, tho' taken for the Ap-
...pearance of Defendants to *our* Court. I urged it would be
...hard to burthen the Sheriffs with the Debts and Costs: For
...after the Acceptance of a Bail Bond, and which the Sheriffs
...are obliged to accept, if sufficient, the Defendant is discharged
...from Custody, and the Sheriff cannot afterwards apprehend
...and force him into Court, but is left to his Remedy upon the
...Bail Bond; and that moreover, the *November* Courts being
...shut up, they could not bring the Defendants in: I urged it
...was equally hard upon the Securities in Bail Bonds, to be left
...open to the Sheriffs; For it is the Practice with Us, upon the
...Non-appearance of a Defendant, to enter a small Amerciament
...upon the Sheriff, conditional to have the Defendant the next
...Court, and then the Securities upon the Bail Bonds either
...bring him into Court, Or become his special Bail, and make
...a surrender at a succeeding Court, if they think proper:
...And therefore, that they should be provided for equally with
...special Bails, as they were stript of the Benefit of becoming Bail,
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...a surrender at a succeeding Court, had been rendered im-
...practicable, was to insist upon the Stamp Act, which had
...created that Impracticability, and therefore "that the SHERIFFS
...upon Suits against them for the Debts and Costs for which
...they were amerced, to prevent a perpetual Imprisonment of
...their Persons, and to save their Families from Beggary and
...Ruin, would in such peculiar Circumstances be justified in availing
...themselves of the Stamp Act: that a Lawyer in such peculiar
...Circumstances would be justified in pleading of it, and that no
...Court would refuse the Plea." — upon the Principle, that as
...the Plaintiff made his Claim, from the Necessities introduced
...by the Stamp-Act, the Sheriffs would only be put upon an
...equal Footing, in being admitted the plea of the Stamp-Act,
...to shew the Impossibility of bringing the Defendants into
...Court, when shut up; and the Insufficiency of their Remedy
...upon the Bail Bonds rendered void, from the Impossibility,
...that the Securities could become special Bail at the *November*
...Court, and make a Surrender at the succeeding Court, pur-
...suant to the Practice established among Us. Thus I do most
...solemnly declare to be the Substance of that celebrated Speech I
...made; and I appeal for the Truth of it to the Members of
...the Lower House then present; and from the Nature of the
...Point in Question, and the Tendency of the Arguments, I
...submit to every impartial Man, whether I could mean a De-
...fence of the Stamp Act "as a regular and Constitutional Ex-
...ercise of Parliamentary power!" — What Candor, Gentlemen,
...prevented your Discovery of the real Occasion of my ce-
...lebrated Speech, or what Malice recommended a Concealment
...of it? Surely you will think at NOTHING to perpetrate
...your Schemes of Revenge.

But, Gentlemen, before you cast Reflections, pull the
...Mote out of your own Eyes. Did not you, Doctor S-*es*,
...openly assert the Parliamentary Right, and urge the Stamp
...Act as a beneficial Law? Did you not, every Day, combat in
...Argument, the Opposition made to the Parliamentary Right?
...Why then do you object *this* as criminal in Me, *which* you
...have adopted as justifiable in yourself? But you may answer,
...you have changed your Sentiments: Strange! That you should
...Curse *this* to Day, *which* but Yesterday received your Ben-
...diction! What, Sir, brought about this prudent Change of
...Mind? — You saw the universal Opposition — the Fate of those
...Miscreants, who accepted the Stamp Offices. — but what was
...an irresistible Proof of your Error in Judgment: you saw the
...Pamphlet Entitled *The Considerations, &c.* and you knew

Author. Thou Wretch, and Dependable for
 thy own Heart before you call Reflections upon others.
 And was it consistent in you, Mr. [redacted], and Doctor [redacted],
 to oppose Me as a Defender of the Stamp Act? What was your
 answer to the Sons of Liberty, when they applied to you to
 open the Provincial Court? You objected your Abhorrence
 of Perjury. That you were sworn to Execute the Laws: And
 hoped more impunity from the Sons of Liberty than to
 force you to the Guilt of Perjury. Was not this an open
 and public Avowal of the Parliamentary Right? Does your
 Oath extend to the Execution of unconditional Laws, or
 not? If not, then you must have deemed the Stamp Act a
 Constitutional Law, or how could you incur Perjury in acting
 in Disobedience to it? And may we not thence conclude, that
 there are at least *THO* Judges in America, who, upon real Principles
 of Law, "would most dutifully defend the Stamp Act, as
 a Regular and Constitutional Exercise of Parliamentary
 Power?"

Thus, Gentlemen, I have endeavoured to vindicate myself
 from your Aspersions and Scandal: Expressions may have
 fallen from Me, possibly, not Consistent with your *Delicacy*.
 I shall make no other Apology, than that a Man must be dead
 to all Sensibility and Feeling: who can calmly oppose the
 Stings of Malice, dip in the most fatal Poison, and aimed at
 his Reputation.

I am

Gentlemen

Your Humble Servant,

SAMUEL CHASE.

ANNAPOLIS, July 16, 1766.

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