

of seniority.² Jeremiah Townley Chase, of Anne Arundel County, who had been Chief Judge of the General Court since 1799, was named Chief Judge of the third judicial district and Chief Judge of the Court of Appeals; and he accepted the appointment. He was a man who had participated to the full in the public affairs of his time; had been one of the first of the young men to take prominent part in the revolutionary movement in 1775, enlisted as a private in the first military company raised in Maryland, and had been a member of the first Committee of Observation in Baltimore where he then lived, had been a member of the Maryland constitutional convention of 1776, when twenty-eight years old, a member of the Continental Congress in 1783, and at the same time Mayor of Annapolis, and as such he had made the welcoming address to General Washington when General Washington came to resign his commission. From 1780 to 1784, and again from 1786 to 1788, he had been a member of the Executive Council of the state, which means that he had been eight times elected by the General Assembly to be one of the five to make up the Council, four times during the war period. He had also been a member of the Maryland convention which ratified the constitution of the United States in 1788, he, along with Luther Martin, William Paca, Samuel Chase, William Pinkney and a few others, having constituted an Anti-Federalist minority which voted against ratification. He became an associate judge of the General Court the next year,

2. In the announcement of the appointments in the Maryland Gazette of January 23, 1806, the names are numbered 1 to 6.