

die Author. Thou Wretch, and Dependant first  
purge thy own Heart before you cast Reflections upon others.

AND was it consistent in you, Mr. *Steele*, and Doctor *Steuart*,  
to asperse 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 Humanity from the Sons of Liberty than to  
force you to the Guilt of Perjury. Was not this an open  
and publick Avowal of the Parliamentary Right? Does your  
Oath extend to the Execution of unconstitutional 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 *TWO* Judges in America, who, upon *real Principles*  
of Duty, "would most dutifully defend the Stamp Act, as  
a Regular and Constitutional Exercise of Parliamentary  
Power!"

Thus, Gentlemen, I have endeavoured to vindicate my self  
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  
Stasis of Malice, dipped in the most fatal Poison, and aimed at  
his Reputation.

I am

Gentlemen

Your Humble Servant,

SAMUEL CHASE.

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