

And was it consistent in you, Mr. [?], and Doctor [?],  
 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 myself  
 from your Aspersions and Scandal: Expressions may have  
 fallen from Me, possibly, not Consistent with your Duty:  
 I shall make no other Apology, than that a Man must be deaf  
 to all Sensibility and Feeling, who can calmly oppose the  
 shafts 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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