

Chase on Friday the 18th of June returns and is ordered at large on the Proceedings of the Court by their direction.

Sir

Annapolis June 18th 1824

It is with regret I have to inform you, that the infirmities incident to advanced age, with the gradual diminution of bodily strength, arising to a long continued sickness since the first of last June until the first of November, with short intermissions, which added to heavy domestic afflictions, have unfitted me for the discharge of the important duties of my office of Chief Judge of the third Judicial District, and have determined me to resign my office, and I do accordingly resign it into the hands of the honourable the Executive. I am now in the commencement of my seventy seventh year, and of that time, have served my country more than forty nine years in various important and responsible stations and offices, and I trust with integrity and fidelity, having had nothing so much in view as the promotion of the welfare of my country.

I have finished my course of Public duty, and now retire into private life, with a consciousness of having performed my duty in my office of Judge, and having distributed justice in conformity to law in the best manner I was capable, and with the consoling reflection that I have never been compensated beyond what was necessary to defray my actual necessary expenses living with frugality.

The Executive will be pleased to have this letter placed on their files, and recorded among their minutes, and to accept my best wishes for their general and individual happiness. With high respect I am your Excellency's Obedient Servant

His Excellency Governor Stevens

Jeremiah Townley Chase

Ordered that the Annouces at Annapolis deliver to Captain John Selby Purman
fifty new Rifles and fifty Pouches for the use of the Rifle Company 1824