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- 1/ John Quincy Adams sd SC was "man of ardent passion, of strong mind, of domineering temper"
- 3/ see md Journal 14 Sept 1787
- 4/ Alex. Carter Hanson letter 25 July 1790 sd
"that vice as Chase has been held by most of the better kind of his fellow citizens he has been the mover of almost every thing this State has to boast of - Strange inconsistent man!"
- 5) see Sanders's Biog of the Signers of Decl of Ind
Phila 1824 12, 233
- 13 "patrician ideas + patrician methods"
popular w/ middle class.
"conservative revolutionary"
- 18/ re Rev. Thomas Chase -
studied at Eton, honors in Latin + Hebrew,
in West Indies as "physic" in late 1730's.
then became Anglican priest.
TC "married" Matilda Jan 1740 (maternal from family). Matilda died in childbirth Ap. 17, 1741
Curate at Great Choptank in DO
Rector St Pauls - (see Towner MS in mks)
→ not too profitable
gave Sam classical education
- 31/ SC to RN 1759
- 39/ Thom. remarried 1763 + had 4 children - says
he was 50 in 1763

30/ Studied w/ John Hall.

31/ Late in life SC wrote "A Course of Law and Literary Study prepared by the late Judge Samuel Chase of Maryland" n.d. Chase MSS, MHS. - 5 p. course for training his own students.

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Forensic Club founded 1759

SC refused membership 1760 by ballot
accepted into club 1761

active in debates

thrown out 1762 because of "low + abusive behavior"

48/ married May 21, 1762 Ann Baldwin.
Beautiful, but poor.

Her father Thomas Baldwin, Gent,
heavily in debt - 400 ac. of South
River sold 1758, slaves sold +
mortgaged

June 1762 - imprisoned for debt, died
soon after.

Wife, Agnes, kept ordinary 1762 - at
least 1764

Agnes + dau. Hester + Rebecca
moved in w/ SC + Anne in
late 1760's

Ann died after June 1776

51/ admitted to bar - AN 27 Oct 1761 w/
Wm Parca + John Bowie Jr.
made prosecutors

Straussen

- 8-16/ Chase note circuit of cts in Joppa + 8M
Qual. in FR Ct 1763
- 16/ Practice slow until 1764 when it grew "rapidly"
 80 cases AA
 42 " FR
 50 BA + PR
 1765 - 266 in 17 3 sessions AA/BA, PR + FR
- not counting those sent off of cts.
- 70-73/ began emphasis on defense (larger - usually, for debts
 no other lawyers in period said w) defense as often
 probably motivated by self-interest rather than
 altruism. Didn't win very often 1764 Aug-Nov-10%
 losses
- 73-74/ good on passion + rhetoric, sometimes short on logic
 by 1770's - still taking cases for small planters
 + merchants - not aristocrats
- 77-
 opportunist. bought land early by speculating
 in "proclamation warrants" - given when
 original warrant on contiguous land was not pd in 2 yrs.
 (money didn't have to be pd on prod. warrant until patenting)
- read Eddie
- 83) Salaries: Estimates - minimums
 1762 - c. \$3 com.
 1763 - ca. - \$20 com.
 1764 - ca. \$162 com.
 1765 - " 374 com.
- cost about \$150^{per} to live as a genl.
- 86 - began in FR acquiring land
 1762 special (proclamation) warrant on 516 ac. FR
 reserved late 1762 + patented for
 "Choice" 2 Ma. 1763. Rest of land

divided into Anything, 225 ac. + what you
Please, 19. Pay Sept. 1763 but not pd for
until 1764 - \$12/4/ ster. for 2 tracts

89/ "Chase Harpel" - 610 ac. special warrant 1762
but lost it when 1st warrant
went to court + got decision that
his 2 yrs. weren't up.

mistake cost Chase 1,039 lbs + 56
of 5 ster. for ^{commission} survey, warrant, survey,
plats etc. + trial
+ 2 ac. to pay witness

89/ 1st child Matilda born 1763

1762 - got special warrant for 566 ± 00
"Brown's Neglect"

1762 - spec. warrants on 4285 ac. WA
Chance + Limestone Land

which he split into 2 tracts.

had to
sell 1/2 warrant
to Johnson
(See II, Just Nick St, Beall's Neg. Dickenson
patch, of Camp, Col. Time elapsed)

1763 - got 500 Come by Chance FR
by acquiring special warrant from
man who'd taken it up 1st

combined w/ Johnson on other deals.

Bought 692 ac. Res. on 1st Neighborhood 1763
for 539/7/8 ster.
+ 500 ac Res. on mt. of Wals for 5 sh.

put
these
notes

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Thomas
Ok Mrs. Ray (M & M) for Jennings

Stawson

land purchase for succeeded income

1765 - added 119 1/2 ac. - bought from
people who had already patented
but were forced to sell to pay quit rents
hence Chase picked up

St. James PK 100 AD
Scheme 24 AA (140)
Res. on Longbush 300 FR
Res. on Welsh Cabin 306 FR
Bourne Dis 41 1/2 AA
Range Deel. 376 AA

109 → 115

1763 - Chase took leading role agst
AN City gov't in dispute over
gov'ts response to citizen needs
as tensibly violation of the city
Charter

fall, 1764 - Chase ran for H. of D agst Geo. Stuart
cc Barr. backed Chase
Chase appealed to common man - parades,
personal initiative, drama,
Chase + Walter Dulany won
by 29 votes

* see letter of AN City Officials MG 19 June 1766
+ Chase's Hoodsides answer 18 July 1766

1763 - Chase, on 3rd day of his 1st Gen'l Assembly
chosen 4th of 13 men to draw up
"Resolves declaratory of the Constitutional Rights
and Privileges of the Freemen of this Province"

199/ Chase Apparently owned no prop. in
AN 1760's
as Common Councilman elected 1766
helped re-write Bylaws of City

204/ resigned as Prosecutor by 1769
Elected Alderman 1773
Recorder ca 1773 - 1786

210/ elected to S.A. from AA 1767

214/ 1766-69 Chase continued to
speculate in land
added 1,446 ac. alone - 1769 Pat's
+ 2,031 w/ Pacer - 1767 Pat's

1768 Purchased Hammonds Continuance 280
PROV. CT Deeds DD 4, 502

1766 Sold Time Elapsed, 300 ac.

1768 Sold 100 ac St James Pk

began cultivating some of his land under
overseers + indentured servants

216/ See Lease PROV. CT. Deeds DD 4, 502

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Strauss

316/ early 1769 - preparing to build grand
townhouse:

Sold to Poca the $\frac{1}{2}$ share of 1767 patents
" 40 ac. Brown's Discovery

Bought LA 107 AN

see Birnie MHN XLIX, 177-89

323/ Vestryman, St. Anne's, 1770 -

328/ Elected to GA. Jan 1771

331/ 1770 Bought land across Seven
DB 2, 194

Dec. borrowed \$84 for CC &.

332 - in financial difficulties

land acquired in BC & GS# 45 1772
+ #46, 416 went into litigation
until 1774 over boundary disputes
between Mar 1770 + Mar. 1771. Chase forced to
sell 1,040 ac. (FR Deeds L 635: 0, 13;
V, 215. DO Deeds #24 (Old), 283.)

July 1771 sold unfinished mansion to Edw
Hoyd for ~~\$47,197~~ @ profit of
\$250 ster. - but lost price
now out of financial difficulties

338-40 - Chase had not originally opposed
C of Z poll tax, etc. - actually had
supported it + voted agst bill to
restrain excesses of clergy.

247/ ^{w/ Pacer + Johnson}
+ T + B defended JOSEPH HARRISON in poll
tax refusal case + conviction.

250/ Elected to GA from AA 1773

256/ appointed to Com. of Comm. 1773 G.A.