

house of delegates allowing him two hundred dollars a year for his extra services, which was rejected by the honorable senate, for causes unknown to the chief judge.

He begs leave to inform the committee he knows nothing of the suit which has caused the present complaint to be exhibited before them, but admits he did recently refuse to act in the case of Coolidge and Wootton with the sole view of bringing the subject before the general assembly, for their consideration.

The chief judge assures the committee his salary is greatly inadequate to the defrayment of his actual necessary expences, and that he has been under the necessity of resorting to his private funds to supply the deficiency. The chief judge has been in the service of his country six and-thirty years. His services commenced with the revolutionary war in 1775. he never did fall off, but with undeviating firmness adhered to those principles which actuated the illustrious patriots of America, and prompted those exertions which terminated in the establishment of our independence. He cannot boast of splendid talents or brilliant services, but he contributed his aid to advance the welfare of his country in the various characters of member of the convention, delegate to the general assembly, member of the council, delegate to congress, associate and chief judge of the general court, chief judge of the third judicial district and chief judge of the court of appeals.— His services are on record, and he hath the testimony of a good conscience, that he hath acted with integrity and fidelity and according to the best of his judgment, without any sinister view or design incompatible with the good of his country.

I have to request the honorable committee to subjoin these observations to their report on the said complaint against me.

JEREMIAH TOWNLEY CHASE

December 5th, 1811.

The honorable JOHN SANDERS, Esq.  
chairman of the committee of grievances and courts of justice.

Your committee would also submit to the consideration of the house, a bill entitled, A supplement to the act entitled, An act concerning the chancery court; which will have the effect of removing a grievance strongly complained of to your committee; the provisions of the said bill will put the house in possession of the grievances that at present exist.

By order,

LOUIS GASSAWAY, Ck.

Which was read.

Mr. Randall delivers a bill entitled, A further supplement to an act entitled, An act to lay out a road therein mentioned. Mr. Sanders delivers a bill entitled, A supplement to an act entitled, An act concerning the chancery court; which were severally read.