

finally done to General Fitz-John Porter, it was Mr. Choate who obtained the reversal of the court-martial. In this country, however, he is doubtless best known as the United States Ambassador to the Court of St. James from 1899 to 1905 and as Ambassador and first United States Delegate to the Peace Conference at the Hague in 1907.

"Joseph Choate came into prominence almost immediately after the death of his great ancestor Rufus Choate. The lives of these two men stretch from 1799 to the present time; they have given to their country one long line of greatness in law, of high-minded citizenship and eloquent and powerful exposition of national questions. Especially is this true in constructive statesmanship, and it is interesting to note that Rufus Choate was a member of the State Constitutional Convention of Massachusetts in 1853, while Joseph Choate was president of the New York State Constitutional Convention in 1894.

"I may remind you, Mr. Chancellor, that it is not altogether our fault that we are so late in the day in conferring upon Mr. Choate an honorary degree. An American citizen, as you know, established in this University