

Rufus Choate

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Its Constitution--the glittering and sounding generalities of natural right which make up the Declaration of Independence.

~Rufus Choate

Happy is he who has laid up in his youth, and held fast in all fortune, a genuine and passionate love of reading.

~Rufus Choate

Neither irony nor sarcasm is argument.

~Rufus Choate

I will look, your Honor, and endeavor to find a precedent, if you require it; though it would seem to be a pity that the Court should lose the honor of being the first to establish so just a rule.

~Rufus Choate

There was a state without king or nobles; there was a church without a bishop; there was a people governed by grave magistrates which it had selected, and by equal laws which it had framed.

~Rufus Choate

A book is the only immortality.

~Rufus Choate

The final end of government is not to exert restraint but to do good.

~Rufus Choate

We have built no temple but the Capitol. We consult no common oracle but the Constitution.

~Rufus Choate

Anything more low, obscene, feculent, the manifold heaving's of history have not cast up. We shall come to the worship of onions, cats and things vermiculite.

~Rufus Choate

We join ourselves to no party that does not carry the flag and I keep step to the music of the Union.

~Rufus Choate

Power, carried to extremes, is always liable to reaction.

~Rufus Choate

No lawyer can afford to be ignorant of the Bible.

~Rufus Choate

Knowledge is power as well as fame.

~Rufus Choate

Mathematics may, be briefly defined as the science of quantities, and is one of the most important of disciplining studies which engage the practical student.

~Rufus Choate

The courage of New England was the courage of conscience. It did not rise to that insane and awful passion, the love of war for itself.

~Rufus Choate

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