

### newspaper's political stand:

Influenced in their editorial capacity by no motive but of rendering their paper the most useful and early vehicle of interesting and important information, they, the proprietors, have been cautious of enlisting under no banner but that of impartiality; determined to observe that strict regard to Truth (as far as she could be followed through her mazy path) that was due to the dignity and understanding of their numerous readers. As far as relates to their political selections (since they have become inseparable from daily papers) they fear they might not have steered entirely free of censure: But viewing the political situation of their country as the most eventful since the revolution, they have only observed that caution and circumspection that the crisis required, and while they have ever avoided propagating the doctrines of mercenaries, hired to sharpen the daggers of calumny, & rouse the indignation of a too irritated public, against the officers of government and the laws; they at the same time have been open in declaring themselves the supporters of rational liberty, and the friends of candid and manly investigation.<sup>34</sup>

In the same issue, the publishers announced their intention to alter the newspaper's title to the Federal Gazette and Baltimore Daily Advertiser, beginning January 1, 1796, "more through convenience than a desire of novelty"<sup>35</sup>.

For advertising purposes, the enlarged Federal Gazette was distributed gratis to various Baltimore homes, for on January 6 the recipients were warned:

Those gentlemen into whose doors the Federal Gazette has been thrown since the 1st instant,

<sup>34</sup> Federal intelligencer. December 26, 1795.

<sup>35</sup> Ibid. December 26, 1795.