

50 quires",⁴⁰ and in April fifty-two quires were struck off every day.⁴¹ A change in the office organization was necessary with expanding business; a separate counting room was arranged for. An advertisement for a boy was inserted:

His business will be to attend in the counting room, without any connection with the mechanical part of the business, carry out accounts, &c.

but if the boy should prefer it, some knowledge of printing would be taught.⁴² The office of the Federal Gazette was moved to the back building of Number 12, South Gay Street⁴³; the counting room occupied the front, where all business would be transacted; and the printing office was closed to the public.⁴⁴

The newspaper was prospering, but everything could not always go smoothly, and Brown, the editor, received some adverse criticism, as shown by this extract from an editorial:

I find it in private life impossible to please every one, & much less so in public; but whether my conduct, in any one instance, has varied from that of the unbiased, independent editor, or whether I have been guilty of injustice to anyone, I leave a candid public and unbounded approbation and support the Federal Gazette has met with to determine... I am no party man: in a country like ours, too much heat may one day blow it up.⁴⁵

40 Federal gazette. December 31, 1796.

41 Ibid. April 7, 1797.

42 Ibid. January 14, 1797.

43 Ibid. July 3, 1797.

44 Ibid. September 19, 1797.

45 Ibid. August 14, 1798.