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*A History of Printing in Colonial Maryland*

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a printed broadside, attested officially as a true copy of an Address of the Maryland Assembly, which, its colophon asserts, was printed in Maryland during the period when William Nuthead was resident in its capital; that a Maryland Council minute has been preserved which records a discussion of the propriety of Nuthead's action in printing or promising to print certain warrants, and in which the future limits of his printing activity were prescribed by the councillors; that in his deposition read before this body, Nuthead confessed to having promised to print five hundred warrants by noon of the day following the receipt of the order; and, finally, that after his death in 1695, Nuthead's widow asked and received permission to operate a printing press in the Province, presumably that press which a few months before had been listed in her late husband's inventory. In view of these facts, it seems permissible to affirm that the generally accepted chronology of American printing should be corrected by placing the beginning of Maryland typographical activity in the year 1686 when Nuthead first was entered on the public pay roll rather than with the coming of William Parks to Annapolis in 1726. That the forty years by which this change in chronology extends the printing annals of Lord Baltimore's province were not barren of interest for the student of American typographical history, the pages which follow will make clear.