
A History of Printing in Colonial Maryland

311. MAURY, JAMES. To | Christians of every Denomination among us, espe-| cially those of the Established Church, | an | Address:| Enforcing | an Inquiry into the Grounds of the Pretensions | of the Preachers, called Anabaptists, to an extraor-| dinary Mission from Heaven to preach the Gospel; | Recommending | a Method, by which even the unlearned may engage in and prosecute | that Inquiry, so as to satisfy themselves whether their Pre- tensions be | admissible or not, on Scripture Principles; | and shewing, | that there is but one Case, wherein the Members of the Established Church | can innocently separate from her Communion; together with the Sin and | Danger of separating in any other Case. | By the Reverend James Maury, A.M. late Rector of | Fredericksville, in the County of Albemarle. | I Thess. v. 20, 21. | Despise not Prophecys—prove all Things—hold fast that which is good. | Annapolis: | Printed by Anne Catharine Green, | MDCCLXXI. |

Sm. 4to. [A]-L², [M]¹; 23 leaves; pages [1-3], 4-45, [46]; p. [1]: title-verso: "Advertisement to the Reader"; pp. [3]-45: text, with heading, To | Christians of Every Denomination | among us, &c.; p. 45: "Finis".

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In the "Advertisement to the Reader" the anonymous editor remarks upon the recent death of Mr. Maury, and asserts that this "Address" had been composed during the last illness of that active and faithful parish priest.

The Rev. James Maury, rector of Fredericksville Parish, Louisa and Albemarle Counties, Virginia, was born April 8, 1718, the son of Mathew and Anne Fontaine Maury. He was ordained in England in 1742, and died in his Virginia parish on June 9, 1769. He was the father of thirteen children and through them the progenitor of a line distinguished among the Huguenot families of America. One of his grandsons was Matthew Fontaine Maury whose book, *The Physical Geography of the Seas* was said by Humboldt to have founded a new science, and which gained for its writer the popular title the "Philosopher of the Seas." (*William & Mary Coll. Quart.* 10: 122; *Collections of Va. Hist. Soc.*, 5: 128; Maury, Ann. *Memoirs of a Huguenot Family*, N. Y. 1853).

One of the most celebrated trials of the validity of the Two-Penny Act, see No. 243, was that which resulted when the Rev. James Maury sued his vestry for salary withheld under its provisions. Patrick Henry, then a young man, rode into fame as attorney for the defendants in this case, and so successful was his conduct of it that Mr. Maury was awarded damages of only one penny. An account of this trial may be read in Wirt, *Life of Patrick Henry*; Meade, *Old Churches, etc.* 1: 219-220; Hawks, *Contributions to the Ecc. Hist. of the U. S. A.* 1: 122-125, but above all in the letter which Mr. Maury wrote to the Rev. John Camm, Dec. 12, 1763, published in the *Memoirs of a Huguenot Family* cited above.

The only recorded copy of Maury's work described above is that in MdHS., purchased in 1920 at the sale of the library of the late Ridgely B. Warfield, M. D. of Baltimore.

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312. MARYLAND, PROVINCE OF. Laws | of | Maryland, | made and passed | at a | Session of Assembly, | begun and held at the City of Annapolis, on Wednesday the | Second Day of October, in the Twenty-first Year of the | Dominion of the Right Honourable Frederick, abso-| lute Lord and Proprietary of the Provinces of Maryland | and Avalon, Lord Baron of Baltimore, &c. Annoque | Domini 1771. | Published by Authority. | [Provincial arms, T. Sparrow, sculp.] Annapolis: | Printed by Anne Catharine Green, Printer to the Province. | [1772.]

Fol. 1 preliminary leaf, 6S-6Z², 7A-7E²; 23 leaves; pages unnumbered; preliminary leaf: title-verso blank; 6S1 recto-7E2 recto: text with session heading and running heads; 7E2 verso: contents.

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313. —Votes and Proceedings | of the | Lower House of Assembly | of the | Province of Maryland. | October Session, 1771. | Being the first Session of this Assembly. | (October 2- November 30, 1771.) [Colophon:] Annapolis: | Printed by Anne Catharine Green, Printer to the Province. | [1772]