



CHAPTER SEVEN

Jonas Green, Printer to the Province—Green and Rind—Thomas Sparrow, the First Maryland Engraver—Anne Catharine Green and her Sons



WHEN Governor Ogle sent to Philadelphia in November 1737 to have printed certain Maryland proclamations¹, there was employed in that city, either in the shop of Franklin or in that of Bradford, a young journeyman printer who had lately come to Pennsylvania from New England, where for generations the men of his family had been engaged in operating the presses of the Puritan colonies. It is possible that through having been employed on the printing of these proclamations or of other Maryland papers, young Jonas Green had learned for the first time of the vacancy in the office of public printer of Maryland, caused by the recent removal of the Parks establishment from Annapolis to Williamsburg. Conjecture on this point, however, is unprofitable; what concerns us is not the manner in which Green heard of the vacancy, but the fact that within a few months after hearing of it, he had removed to Annapolis and set up an establishment in which for nearly thirty years thereafter he served the Province of Maryland with a fidelity and distinction that merit remembrance.

GREEN'S ANCESTRY AND EARLY LIFE

Jonas Green was the great grandson of Samuel Green, who, emigrating to Massachusetts with Governor Winthrop in the year 1630, settled in Cambridge and became in 1649 successor to the Dayes, father and son, the first printers in English America.² For forty-three years Samuel Green continued as printer to the colony and government of Massachusetts, surrendering his press finally to one of his sons in the year 1692. During these years he carried out some amazingly ambitious works, among them the publication in 1661 of Eliot's translation of the New Testament in the Indian dia-

¹ See preceding chapter. These proclamations had to do with the Maryland-Pennsylvania boundary dispute.

² Roden, R. F., *The Cambridge Printers, 1638-1692*. N. Y. 1905.