

past and present. When William Goddard was fifteen years old he was apprenticed to James Parker and was probably employed in the publication of the *Connecticut Gazette*. He may have gone to New York later to help James Parker and his partner, John Holt, in the publication of the *New-York Gazette and Weekly Post-Boy*. If so, his stay there did not last long, for his apprenticeship expired and he went to Providence with his mother in the late Spring of 1762.

The first printing press in Providence was established by him, financed in a large measure by his devoted mother, and on October 20, 1762, the first number of the *Providence Gazette and Country Journal* appeared. But Providence was not yet ready for a newspaper and the venture was a failure. After nearly three years of effort to attract sufficient support it was discontinued. A futile attempt to revive the paper convinced him that Providence had little to offer him, so he left the printing office there in the care of his mother and went to New York. After a year's work with John Holt, acting as an assistant in the editing and printing of the *New-York Gazette and Weekly Post-Boy* and of the *Constitutional Courant*,² he went to Philadelphia where he joined Joseph Galloway and Thomas Wharton in partnership. On January 6, 1767, the first number of *The Pennsylvania Chronicle and Universal Advertiser* appeared, beginning its career as an anti-Proprietary journal, representing the opinions of a group of prominent men, including Benjamin Franklin.³ The unfortunate partnership between men of differing views and violent tempers broke up in 1769 and Goddard became associated with Benjamin Towne, whom he later came to hate almost as bitterly as he did his former partners. With the withdrawal of financial help and the pressure from his creditors, Goddard was forced to move once more. Sometime early in the year 1772 he arrived at Baltimore where he was encouraged to found a paper and to start his career anew.

WILLIAM GODDARD GOES TO BALTIMORE

On October 20, 1772, Goddard published in the *Maryland Gazette* at Annapolis an advertisement indicating his intention to establish a printing press in Baltimore. He proposed "to publish by subscription, with all possible expedition, a weekly newspaper, under the title of the

² See Wroth, *A History of Printing in Colonial Maryland*, pages 121-123, for a full discussion of Goddard's career in New York.

³ See A. M. Schlesinger, *Politics, Propaganda, and the Philadelphia Press, 1767-1770* in *Pennsylvania Magazine of History and Biography*, Vol. LX (1936), pp. 309-322 for Goddard's Philadelphia career.