

had employed Goddard from 1765 until 1766 in the publication of the *New-York Gazette and Weekly Post-Boy* and he doubtless followed his career in Philadelphia and Baltimore with interest. Goddard's activities in organizing the postal system in New York brought him in contact with Holt and Lamb and it may have been then that Oswald first

TO THE PUBLIC.

✠ WILLIAM GODDARD and ELEAZER OSWALD, having entered into Partnership, purpose, under Favour of a generous Public, to carry on the PRINTING, BOOKSELLING, and STATIONARY BUSINESSES, in this Town, in an extensive Manner; to enable them to do which, they have secured to themselves a Paper-Mill in the Vicinity of this Town, and have contracted for a very large Quantity of Printing-Materials, &c. of the most elegant Kind.— They have it in Contemplation to print a neat and correct Edition of the HOLY BIBLE, and some other Works of Importance to Mankind, on Paper of their own manufacturing; and though they shall ever gratefully receive any Marks of the Public Favour, they are far from wishing to establish themselves, by abridging, in the smallest Degree, that Encouragement which hath been hitherto generously given, by the Inhabitants of Town and Country, to the present Printer, who, it must be acknowledged hath supported her Business with Spirit and Address, amidst a Complication of Difficulties, in which the present War hath involved her Country and herself.— The New Office will be speedily opened, and a further Account of our Plan of Business laid before the Public, by their devoted humble Servants,

GODDARD and OSWALD.

Baltimore, June 8, 1779.

met him. On January 2, 1778, Oswald sent his best regards to Goddard through Lamb²¹ and on October 15 of the same year he mentioned his intention of visiting Baltimore.

"Mr. Goddard is at Baltimore, which Place I have some thoughts of visiting before I return to my Family. I regret his not being here as I promised myself much Satisfaction in his conversation. . . ."²²

The terms of the partnership between these "hotspurs of typography" were arranged and on June 8, 1779, an announcement of their plans for a printing, bookselling and stationery business appeared in the *Maryland Journal*. They were unable to carry out their plans of a printing

²¹ Lamb Papers, Box II, No. 5. Oswald to Lamb, Quakerhill 21 Jan. 1778.

²² Lamb Papers, Box II, No. 102. Oswald to Lamb, Philadelphia 15 Oct. 1778.