

"I left Providence without saying anything to you, respecting the Property I still possess there, and which in my absence you have the direction of . . ."

He then added that the money which he owed was to be repaid from the rent on the property.

"I am inclined to sell everything but the two Lotts back of the Meeting House . . . the pay I would receive in New England Rum or Molasses at the Cash price, as it is probable that I shall see New England no more but on Business or Visits (.) I wish to collect what property I can in order to carry on the Business which I propose entering into here with better effect . . ."<sup>4</sup>

#### JAMES ANGELL GOES INTO PARTNERSHIP WITH WILLIAM GODDARD

It is quite probable that the business which he planned to enter in Baltimore was connected with Goddard's printing establishment. On April 7, 1789 he wrote Moses Brown a letter, delivered by Goddard, containing the first indication of the partnership which was to be announced in the *Maryland Journal and Baltimore Advertiser* on August 7 following. He said:

"Mr. Goddard sets off in the morning for Providence in order to settle with Nancy Angell & my Brother Thomas, and, as I have sold to him all my property in New England, subject to the incumbrances, wishes you to assist him in the settlement with your advice, as there is no one there who has known so much of our affairs . . ."<sup>5</sup>

From this it would appear that there was considerable truth in the statement made in the newspaper at the time that the partnership was announced that he was "a young man who hath embarked his *all* in this establishment."<sup>6</sup>

The partnership continued three years, until August 14, 1792, but Goddard's name still remained in the imprint of the paper as late as February 19, 1793. In his farewell address to the citizens of Baltimore, Goddard explains the real relationship between himself and his brother-in-law:

"It is, however, an alleviating circumstance, that, by this Measure, I am enabled to do Justice to a worthy Friend, who, from my too sanguine Anticipation of the Growth and importance of this really flourishing Town, spontaneously became my security, in an unfortunate Speculation, for upwards of Twenty-Five Hundred Pounds. . . . From an anxious Desire to indemnify this disinterested Gentleman, . . . I have . . . Disposed of my whole Printing-Concern (one of the most considerable in the United States) for a valuable Consideration, to my Partner and Brother-in-Law, Mr. James Angell, . . ."<sup>7</sup>

<sup>4</sup> Moses Brown Papers. V:78

<sup>5</sup> Moses Brown Papers. VI:62

<sup>6</sup> *Maryland Journal*, August 7, 1789.

<sup>7</sup> *Maryland Journal*, August 14, 1792.