

emporary suspension of *The Maryland Gazette*. The first number of *The Maryland Gazette, and Annapolis Advertiser*, judging from the date and number of the only issue that has been located, probably appeared on April 2, 1779. Less than a month later Frederick and Samuel Green revived the *Maryland Gazette* and the competition of the older paper soon forced Hayes to withdraw from the field.

There is no record of activity on the part of the Hayes Press, either in Annapolis or Baltimore from July 9, 1779 to May 16, 1783 when the first number of *The Maryland Gazette, or the Baltimore General Advertiser* was printed by John Hayes. In the meantime James Hayes, Junior, had joined his former employer in partnership and after many difficulties set up a press in Richmond.

Virginia was suffering from the lack of an active printing press at the new capital city during the Revolution, so Governor Jefferson was authorized by the legislature in 1780 to invite a printer to settle at Richmond and to employ him at public expense. Several months after receiving the invitation, John Dunlap and James Hayes, as partners, sent a printing press, materials and paper by sea. The ship was driven ashore during a storm and was captured by the British. The partners informed the legislature of their misfortune and asked that they might be reimbursed so that they could make another attempt to establish a printing business in the state. Apparently they received partial compensation for their loss because James Hayes left Richmond for Philadelphia in January, 1781 to procure another printing outfit. The press and all of the equipment of the new printing office were loaded on three wagons. To justify the expense of the three hundred mile journey over rough and muddy roads, Jefferson wrote on the bill amounting to over £14,000 Virginia money:

"The expense of transporting the printing materials of Mr. Hayes from Philadelphia here by land was taken on the state rather than run the risk of their being lost a second time if brought by water, and that to be again made good."⁶

Hayes established the *Virginia Gazette, or, the American Advertiser* on December 22, 1781 independently of Dunlap whose name appeared only on the state documents. The newspaper was discontinued in 1786 and the partnership was dissolved on May 13, 1788. James Hayes died in October, 1804, aged 44 years.

⁶ The documents relating to Hayes and Dunlap's partnership in Virginia are reprinted in Earl G. Swems's *A Bibliography of Virginia* in *Bulletin of the Virginia State Library*, Vol. 10 (1917), pp. 1065-1067.