



CHAPTER NINE

German Printing in Baltimore, Baltimore's First Daily Paper, Samuel and John Adams, Printing at Easton, Hagerstown and Georgetown



THE first German printing in Baltimore was probably done by Nicholas Hasselbach who was there from 1765 to 1769. There is no record of German printing in the growing town until twenty years later. Mention has been made in Chapter Seven of early German printing at Frederick and the establishment of a German newspaper there in January, 1786. The second foreign language newspaper in Maryland was begun in Baltimore on June 14, 1786, by Henry Dulheuer. He advertised in the *Maryland Journal* two days later:

"The subscriber respectfully informs his Friends in particular, and the Public in general, that he commenced the Publication of his German Newspaper Yesterday, and intends to continue it Weekly. Subscriptions for the same, are taken in by him, at his Printing-Office in Market-Street, nearly opposite the Green-Tree, at the small Price of Ten Shillings per Annum; Five Shillings of which is paid at the time of subscribing, the better to enable him to prosecute his Undertaking. All Kinds of Printing, in the German, performed by Henry Dulheuer."¹

No copy of the paper has survived and no record has been found of its name. It seems likely that it was continued for only a short time as no further advertisement appeared in the local newspapers.

The first daily newspaper printed in Baltimore, the *Palladium of Freedom*, was apparently begun on August 2, 1787. Maurice Murphy and Richard Bowen, the publishers, collected subscriptions for it and after printing a few numbers, "abdicated under Cover of the Night." The only record of this interesting publishing venture is the issue of

¹ *Maryland Journal*, June 16, 1786. German historians of Baltimore have mentioned an earlier newspaper, *Die Baltimore Post*, which was published from 1780 by a grandson of Christopher Saur of Pennsylvania. Contemporary English newspapers do not refer to this publication and it is very unlikely it appeared. For further information see *Baltimore: Seine Vergangenheit und Gegenwart, mit Besonderer Berücksichtigung des Deutschen Elements*, Baltimore, 1887. Pp. 298-299. Also see G. C. Keidel, *The Earliest German Newspapers of Baltimore* for an excellent summary.