

C. A. Calamy, "ci-devant imprimeur au cap"²⁸, who made French translation of advertisements, news articles and essays which were issued from the Edwards press.

The Maryland Journal had become larger -- five columns instead of the four of the semi-weekly edition -- and the size of the sheet had also increased. But the purchase of the old paper and the consolidation with his daily sheet must have been a considerable financial undertaking for the young editor. Perhaps the name "Maryland Journal" had fallen into popular disfavor, or at least indifference, and there was little that could have been done to revive it. There are indications that Edwards worked hard to make it a success, but its fortunes gradually declined.

On June 13, 1795, Edwards announced that John W. Allen would become his partner and assistant in the publication of the Journal; Allen's business would be mostly concerned with the office, giving Edwards "many opportunities of going abroad in quest of intelligence, and ship-news."²⁹

There seems to be no way of identifying positively this John W. Allen as the publisher of the American Recorder of Charlestown, Massachusetts, from December 9, 1785 through May 25, 1787,³⁰ and the Massachusetts

²⁸ Edwards's Baltimore daily advertiser. November 14, 1793.

²⁹ Maryland Journal. June 13, 1795.

³⁰ Brigham, C. S. Bibliography of American newspapers, 1690-1820. Part IV: Massachusetts. (Except Boston) p. 400.