

nung zu hoch im preiss zu stehen kommt, so hat er sich entschlossen (im fall sich eine ansehnliche zahl subscribenten zeitlich einfinden sollten) bis den ersten februar 1800 eine wochentliche zeitung bogen gross herausgegeben, fur ein und einen halben thaler den jahrgang.⁹⁶

There is no evidence that Sower's projected weekly newspaper was ever published, and, for lack of evidence, it may be assumed that the Baltimore Bote died with the century.

Sower's first printing venture in Baltimore, besides the newspaper, is also a matter of doubt. In the same advertisement where he announced the opening of his printing establishment in Baltimore, he also advertised for sale, wholesale, or retail, the Federal or New Ready Reckoner and Traders' Useful Assistant.⁹⁷

While it is quite likely that Sower printed the book, there is no proof of it in the advertisement, nor any indication that it was printed in Baltimore. No copy has been found, and it is a matter for conjecture, only, whether it was Sower's first Baltimore imprint. During 1795, Sower is known to have printed a German translation of John Bunyan's Holy War,⁹⁸ Count Rod-

96 Der neue hoch-deutsche americanische calendar, auf das jahr Christi 1800 (Appendix A, Imprint bibliography item 526). Quoted in Keidel, G.C. The earliest German newspapers of Baltimore. p. 7-8.

97 Federal intelligencer. March 27, 1795.

98 Appendix A. Imprint bibliography, item 222.