

At this time, Keatinge seemed more interested in the book trade than the actual production of books; for in March of 1799 he advertised:

George Keatinge informs his country friends and customers, that he has removed to 207 Baltimore street, where he has for sale, an extensive assortment of books. And being determined to confine himself to the country trade, will sell on very reasonable terms, a number of very valuable law books, &c. Country merchants on trial will find the above store, from its situation and the moderate charges of the articles for sale, much to their advantage. Approved notes at 3 & 6 months, and produce taken at cash prices.³²

In addition to printing, publishing, selling and binding books, the versatile Keatinge also edited publications. His first venture in Baltimore appears to have been the Maryland Pocket Magazine³³ which continued as a monthly magazine through at least two issues, January and February, 1796.

In 1797, Keatinge was commissioned by the Grand Lodge of Freemasons of Maryland to publish

at his own risk and expense an "Ahiman Rezon" for the most Ancient Fraternity of Free and Accepted Masons in the State of Maryland under the inspection of the Committee appointed to revise the Constitution.³⁴

This octavo volume, printed by Pechin,³⁵ was presented to every Grand Lodge in the United States.³⁶

32 *Telegraphe*. March 19, 1799.

33 Appendix A. Imprint bibliography, item 303.

34 Schultz, E.T. op. cit. v. 1, p. 242.

35 Appendix A. Imprint bibliography, item 359.

36 Schultz, E.T. op. cit. v. 1, p. 242.