

be seen later, Edwards was a gentleman with a hasty, if not violent temper; he must have been a hard employer to work for; and to this may be attributed at least part of the Maryland Journal's labor trouble.

The partnership of Edwards and Allen was dissolved "by mutual consent" on June 18, 1796.³⁹ On August 3 of the same year,

a co-partnership has this day commenced between P. Edwards and W. C. Smyth, under the firm of Edwards & Smyth: - They flatter themselves to be able to retain that share of public favour which the Maryland Journal has hitherto so amply experienced - and hope for the preference of their friends, only whilst they continue to deserve it.⁴⁰

William C. Smyth was from Wilmington, Delaware, where he, in partnership with Samuel and John Adams, had founded the semi-weekly Delaware and Eastern Shore Advertiser, in 1794.⁴¹ As far as is known, no publications, other than the newspaper, were issued under the imprint of Edwards and Smyth. On August 13, the partners proposed publishing Jefferson's Notes on Virginia,

an interesting work, now proposed to be published by subscription, by P. Edwards and W. C. Smyth... As soon as one thousand subscribers are obtained, the work will commence ... It is now hoped that this (the third) American edition will meet with the same liberal support ...⁴²

But the first thousand subscribers apparently never

39 Maryland journal. May 4, 1796.

40 Ibid. August 3, 1796.

41 Brigham, C. S. Bibliography of American newspapers, 1690-1820. Part I: Alabama to Indiana. p.334.

42 Maryland journal. August 13, 1796.