

THE PRESS IN ANNAPOLIS

The Green family had been printers in Annapolis since 1738;¹ the representatives of this family who in the decade 1791-1800 were working at the press of Maryland's capital where Frederick and Samuel, brothers, descendants of one of the pioneer printing families of New England,² and sons of Jonas and Anne Catharine Green, both printers to the state.³ The printing activities of this family have been so well and fully chronicled in Chapter VII of Lawrence C. Wroth's A History of Printing in Colonial Maryland and Chapter VIII of Joseph Towne Wheeler's The Maryland Press, 1777-1790 that it would be futile to go into them here.

Frederick Green, during the period of 1791-1800 was printer to the state of Maryland; the Laws of the state and the Votes and Proceedings of each house of the General Assembly which he printed during every session, besides the numerous bills ordered to be printed by the General Assembly make it clear that the Green press was usually busy with state affairs. In addition to this rather voluminous printing work, frequent notices inserted in the Maryland Gazette of Annapolis by Frederick, to the effect that he was act-

- 1 Wroth, L.C. A history of printing in colonial Maryland. p. 77.
- 2 Ibid. p. 75.
- 3 Ibid. p. 77, 90-91.