

on fire; and therefore to prevent its spreading still further, threw down the roof of the Rev. Mr. Reed's house, and demolished some back buildings; by which means the flames were got under ... It is reported the fire originated with some boys, who set fire to some shavings in the back part of the house. The loss is said to amount at least to 20 or 25,000 l.<sup>46</sup>

Edwards' establishment, which, according to his colophon, was located at "No. 1, Light-Street, opposite the Methodist meeting-house," escaped destruction by flames; but all the printing apparatus had been removed, types were thrown together in the greatest confusion, and Edwards had not a single press fit to use. Accordingly Edwards prayed the indulgence of his patrons and suspended publication of his Journal<sup>47</sup> until December 27.

The Sunday Monitor, and the Concluding Months of the Maryland Journal. - Before resuming publication of the Maryland Journal, Edwards launched "a specimen of what he humbly hopes will entitle him to future favour"<sup>48</sup>-- a Sunday newspaper. The Sunday Monitor made its first - and last - bow to the public on Sunday, December 18. It was not different from the daily papers in appearance, or in content, except that advertisements, although they were present, were conspicuously few. It contained contributed articles, some

46 Federal gazette. December 15, 1796.

47 Ibid. December 9, 1796.

48 Sunday monitor. December 18, 1796.