

no issues with this title have been located for the year 1800, Brigham states that the name was changed before 1801.¹⁴ It is possible that he bases this statement on the quotation in the Baltimore Telegraphe of November 8, 1800, "From Bartgis's Republican gazette."

During the political turmoil of 1799, Bartgis apparently did not conduct his newspaper's political columns to the satisfaction of all his patrons, for on February 5, 1800, he published this justification:

The editor of this gazette has been frequently upbraided by his friends with printing a milk and water paper; on the other hand, what is called the Federal Party accuse him of printing a paper too violently Republican. But if both parties would bestow one moments' consideration of the subject, they would candidly declare that the Federal Gazette, on account of its moderation, impartiality, and extensive circulation, deserves their patronage in at least an equal degree to any other paper in the state. He is still determined to carry it on as usual. "Open to all parties and influenced by none."¹⁵

That the editor's sympathies were strongly Republican (Democratic) is proved by his proposals, dated January 15, 1800, for printing a monthly periodical to be entitled the Revival of Republicanism as soon as two hundred subscribers could be obtained; it would include extracts from the most celebrated Republican

14 Brigham, C.S. Bibliography of American newspapers, 1690-1820. Part III. Maryland to Massachusetts (Boston). p. 183.

15 Bartgis's Federal gazette. February 5, 1800.