

Spy, for Herbert advertised,

As the post arrives so seldom and precarious during the winter, the editor will receive every communication with thanks.<sup>15</sup>

The supply of paper must have caused trouble, also, for Herbert inserted a notice that

The printer having been detained in getting a supply of paper until the week was rather far advanced, it is under the necessity this once of requesting the public indulgence.<sup>16</sup>

Spring came, and with it better roads and the mails. The presswork on the paper was evidently too much for Herbert to handle himself, for he advertised that "A journeyman printer will find employ by applying speedily at this office."<sup>17</sup>

On the first anniversary of the paper, the editor, in an address "To the public," stated that

its kind patrons are very respectfully informed that it will be prosecuted with every improvement that gratitude, friendship and abilities can invent;

but he deemed it necessary "to quote the second article of the original conditions": the price of fifteen shillings per year, and the terms for paying it. It sounded encouraging for the future of the paper that

The editor with thanks acknowledges the receipt of the first payment from nearly all his subscribers, and entertains the most lively grati-

15 Washington spy. January 6, 1791.

16 Ibid. January 13, 1791.

17 Ibid. June 1, 1791.