

tude for their generous support, hoping they will continue their countenance till the next anniversary of the Washington Spy.¹⁸

On August 31, the editor advertised for help again, this time for "an active young lad, of genteel connections and tolerable education" as an apprentice to the printing business.

Herbert enlarged the scope of his business by selling second hand books at very low prices;¹⁹ offered for sale "lampblack, clear of sand or dirt"²⁰ and soon extended the book business to include a new book, advertising "A few copies of the Unequal Conflict, a poem,"²¹ which probably was an issue of his own press, but this cannot be ascertained from the wording of the advertisement.

On the second anniversary of publication, the editor again appealed "To those in arrears to the Washington Spy," advancing the argument that

The general punctuality with which this paper has been published claims a like punctuality in payment,

and that "The expense of the business will not admit of a precarious collection of its funds"; and he named those men entitled to collect for the paper in Cumberland in Maryland, Westmoreland County, and Greensburg,

18 Washington spy. June 22, 1791.

19 Ibid. February 15, 1792.

20 Ibid. May 2, 1792.

21 Ibid. May 9, 1792.