

Pennsylvania,²² which proves that the Washington Spy was obtaining a circulation far beyond its native valley.

The arrival of the mail in Haverstown proved a dominant factor in the publication of the Washington Spy, for it was from the newspapers which arrived from distant places that Herbert filled his news columns. Accordingly, when the arrival of the mail was changed in 1792, the Washington Spy announced that, instead of its regular Wednesday publication date,

Owing to the present time of arrival of the mail, the editor finds it indispensably necessary to alter the day of publication of this paper to Friday.²³

Several miscellaneous items appear in the newspaper, showing something of the extent of the country printer's business: Herbert offered "Ready money... for clean linen rags,"²⁴ and "Cash... for hog's bristles"²⁵ and he announced "Wrapping paper for sale at the printing office";²⁶ and although he had printed handbills²⁷ and blanks²⁸ before, he advertised the diversity of his forms: "blank bonds, notes, indentures,

22 Ibid. June 27, 1792.

23 Ibid. November 14, 1792.

24 Ibid. August 15, 1792.

25 Ibid. January 11, 1793.

26 Ibid. July 12, 1793.

27 Wheeler, J.T. op. cit. Bibliography, item 521, and item 549.

28 Washington spy. April 25, 1792.