

reasons, into a back apartment of the same house.⁵⁶

In the meantime, Grieves was busy with the small businesses which newspaper publishers of that day invariably engaged in: he offered for sale "blanks, bonds, warrants, deeds, notes, apprentices' indentures, &c.,"⁵⁷ collected rags for paper making, and paid two pence per pound for them,⁵⁸ sold lampblack,⁵⁹ published a pamphlet, A Narrative of the Extraordinary Sufferings of Mr. Robert Forbes, his Wife, and Five Children, which he sold for sixpence,⁶⁰ and the Maryland and Virginia Almanac for 1798, which he offered to merchants "on the most reasonable terms,"⁶¹ and sold other books.⁶²

It is unfortunate that no publications of Thomas Grieves during the eighteenth century, other than the newspaper and one broadside,⁶³ have survived. Judging from the records of Grieves' publications alone, there was a marked similarity between the publications which Grieves offered to the English-reading population of the county, and those which John Gruber, in his German printing office in Hagerstown, published for the German element.

56 Ibid. March 15, 1798.

57 Ibid. March 23, 1797.

58 Ibid. April 13, 1797.

59 Ibid. March 30, 1797.

60 Ibid. September 7, 1797. Also Appendix A, Imprint bibliography, item 345.

61 Ibid. November 23, 1797.

62 Ibid. August 10, 1797.

63 Appendix A. Imprint bibliography, item 591.