

Like most newspapers of its time, the Herald concerned itself to a great extent with international and national news, and seldom mentioned local happenings, and little can be obtained from its columns about the press itself. However, an inkling of one printer's reactions to the distractions of the growing town (by 1800, "eight hundred substantial edifices lined the streets"<sup>69</sup>) from Grieves' advertisement for an apprentice:

a smart, active boy, who is not addicted to idle habits, about 12 or 13 years of age...  
A boy from the country would be preferred.<sup>70</sup>

Thomas Grieves himself was an ardent Republican,<sup>71</sup> or Democrat as he would be called now; but at least through 1800, he kept his promises of his first address to the public, and let no bitter political quarrels come into the Herald.

With some minor changes in title, the Herald continued until 1826, when it was sold to the Torch Light.<sup>72</sup> With the issue of March 10, 1813, Stewart Herbert, Grieves' young stepson, and compositor on the Herald, was taken into partnership.<sup>73</sup>

After he sold the Herald, Grieves went to Cumber-

- 69 Wilson, Mrs. L.H. Hagerstown. p. 5.  
70 Maryland herald, (Hagerstown) February 21, 1799.  
71 Scharf, J.T. op. cit. v. 2, p. 1143.  
72 Union list of newspapers. p. 265.  
73 Brigham, C.S. Bibliography of American newspapers. Part III. Maryland to Massachusetts (except Boston) p. 181.