

gaining the former character of the Journal." He pleaded for subscribers and advertisers, and informed his public that he had ordered new apparatus for printing, in a recent visit to Philadelphia, and it would arrive as soon as navigation would permit. He apologized for the suspension of the paper, due to the fire, thanked the subscribers who did not withdraw, and ended with the compliments of the season and the hope that when the President of the United States, "our old and faithful pilot, shall quit the helm of government, the crew may be prevented from mutiny, and the ship from breakers."

The editor was disappointed in all his hopes, except the last. The new apparatus did not arrive. In the issue of February 28, he reviewed his promise to endeavor to raise the reputation of the paper, stated that his own exertions and expenses had been directed towards that end, but that "he expected, as a recompense, a proportion, at least, of the favour and patronage of his fellow-citizens."⁵⁴ He intimated that public opinion was "not favourable towards the continuance of its old and faithful mirror", and announced his own retirement as editor.⁵⁵

⁵⁴ Maryland journal. February 28, 1797.

⁵⁵ Ibid. February 28, 1797.