

The editor requests that all those who are in arrears for printing, will be pleased to discharge their respective debts as early as possible.

For a number of years Cowan held to the pledges he had given in his first issue, and conducted his paper with the strictest impartiality; he accepted and printed controversial articles from any religious faith and any political party. He was an admirer of Washington, and as party politics became more sharply defined his predilection for the Federalist party became more and more pronounced. With the establishment of a rival paper in 1799, the Republican Star, admittedly Republican in politics, the Maryland Herald became a Federalist organ.²²

The Herald, as it was now called, became a clearing house for bitter political and other quarrels. In 1800 a violent controversy over the candidacy of John Edmondson for the General Assembly was conducted in its columns. In 1802 the Herald published a political satire, in the form of a drama, entitled The Grand Caucus, attributed to Dr. Ennalls Martin. It ridiculed unmercifully all the leaders of the Republican party in Talbot County, and it is the opinion of Oswald Tilghman, author of the History of Talbot County, that no piece of writing which appeared in

²² Easton star. June 30, 1874.