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The public are respectfully informed that the partnership of Gerrish and Saunders is dissolved, and, that, in future, this paper will be conducted by the subscriber, with the greatest care and attention. He returns thanks for past favors, and hopes that his conduct may ever be such as to entitle him to their future encouragement, and flatters himself, from his knowledge and experience in business to prove deserving of the patronage of a generous public.²

George Gerrish's moves after the dissolution of the partnership are uncertain. He may have been employed in Philadelphia or Baltimore in the printing business. On October 14, 1796, he was established in Reading, Pennsylvania, under the firm name of J. Schneider and G. Gerrish, publishing the weekly newspaper, the Impartial Reading Herald, and later a German newspaper, Der Unpartheyische Reading Adler, which began publication on January 3, 1797.³ The publication of the Adler, in the imprint of which Gerrish Teutonized his name to Georg Gerrisch, leads to the conclusion that a working knowledge of German was among this printer's qualifications for pursuing his trade.

In spite of the pressure of the work of conducting two newspapers, Gerrish managed to have time to journey down into Maryland, and especially Harford County, for his name next appeared in an advertisement:

² Ibid. April 16, 1793.

³ Nolan, J.B. The first century of printing in Reading, Pennsylvania. p. 45.