

Printers take notice!!!

One hundred dollars reward.

Was stolen from the subscriber about the 4th instant, by a certain George Gerrish, a black full-blooded mare, 4 years old... Said Gerrish is a native of Nova Scotia, he served an apprenticeship to a printer in Halifax, and has been engaged in that business, in many printing-offices on the continent, he is a well-looking young man, about 25 years of age, 5 feet 9 or 10 inches high, round shouldered, his head stooping, black hair, two scars above one of his eyes, which are hazel coloured. It is supposed he is gone toward Richmond, Kentucky, or Boston... The last time he came to my house, he told me that he had been last in Baltimore, but was now going into partnership with a Mr. Wilmer, at Havre de Grace. [signed] Robert Harris...⁴

Gerrish, however, was safely ensconced at Reading, for a time, at least. His name appeared later in the columns of the Weekly Advertiser of Reading, rival of the Schneider and Gerrish papers, where an anonymous correspondent addressed a letter to "Mr. Arrogance," asking if he were

not the intimate acquaintance of George Gerrish, who was formerly the partner of Schneider, and who married an innocent young woman in this place, and borrowed a horse of a worthy citizen here, which it was proved he never meant to return, and on whose head a reward of 100 dollars was offered for horsestealing in Maryland.⁵

Soon thereafter, Gerrish's name disappeared from Jacob Schneider's publications;⁶ and if he carried on an-

4 Maryland journal. June 19, 1797.

5 Weekly advertiser, Reading. October 16, 1798.

6 Brigham, C.S. Bibliography of American newspapers, 1690-1820, Part XIV. Pennsylvania (Pittsburgh to York) p. 354.