

living and working in that city.

It is regrettable that in the file of the Apollo (title changed to the Chestertown Gazette with the issue of July 26, 1793) there is little local news, and almost no indication of the problems or the progress of the printers. Typographically, the Apollo was one of the most attractive issues of the Maryland press of the 1790's; and if Gerrish had anything to do with the planning and set-up of the paper, he was a good craftsman - whatever his faults. In respect to content, it was like other newspapers of its age; its news space was devoted to foreign dispatches, debates of Congress, political essays, and verse; there was almost no local information except what could be gleaned from advertisements.

On December 31, 1793, this notice appeared:

The friends and patrons to the Chestertown gazette are most respectfully entreated by the editor, to dispense with his publishing, separate from the paper, the Proceedings of Congress, as the expense attending it would be nearly equal to two-thirds of the subscriptions; to be able, however, to lay before his readers, the debates in Congress, he intends, whenever any foreign or domestic occurrences shall arrive, to publish a supplement. He hopes his generous friends will readily grant him that indulgence, as George Gerrish could not possibly have had any other object in view, at the time of issuing the proposals, than to induce people to subscribe, receive their money, and make off; his conduct shortly after our commencement in this town fully justified such a proposition. The printer takes the present opportunity to make his grateful acknowledgements for the very distin-