There were the Federalists, the supporters of John Adams, sometimes called the aristocrats, who favored an English alliance, English institutions and way of life. On the other hand there were the Republicans, sometimes called Jacobins, who borrowed many of their ideas from the French Revolution, who favored an alliance with France, and who were the followers of Thomas Jefferson. The rise of several newspapers, as well as the publication of several books and pamphlets, can be directly accounted for by the clash between these two political parties.

These types of publications, as well as many which seem to bear no relationship to the local or contemporary scene, will be found in the following bibliography.

It is the writer's belief that a detailed study of these local imprints would yield an excellent and nearly complete picture, from the contemporary viewpoint, of the events, trends, thoughts and aspirations of Marylanders at the close of this eventful century in American history.