

did not approve of the work after the first three numbers were published.⁷¹ There were 218 subscribers from Baltimore alone; it is noteworthy that three of them were printers, Christopher Jackson, Samuel Sower, and Leonard Yundt; 472 subscribers were from other localities.⁷²

This was Pechin's first - and largest - publication. His most important publication before 1800 - at least from the point of view of the people of Baltimore - was the first city directory, compiled by James Thompson and James L. Walker, and printed by Pechin and Company in 1796⁷³. It was the first attempt after the 1790 census showing heads of families and the number of dependents, to list the inhabitants - and the first attempt to list the householders with their addresses. This small volume was the cause of considerable controversy in the Baltimore newspapers of 1796⁷⁴ by citizens and others who were concerned, in some way or another, by the responsibilities put upon a town by the possession of a directory. Houses in Baltimore had numbers - theoretically at least, if one is to believe the directory - and were situated

71 Federal intelligencer. December 28, 1795.

72 Appendix A. Imprint bibliography, item 236, p. [725-727] of imprint.

73 Appendix A. Imprint bibliography, item 321.

74 e.g. Maryland journal. March 12 and 14, 1796.