

and Butler, and for Isaac Briggs.⁹⁶ There is an intimation, too, that Pechin succeeded to the post of printer to the city of Baltimore, left vacant by Philip Edwards, editor of the Maryland Journal. In March, 1798:

W. Pechin renders a sincere tribute of his warmest thanks to his friends in general, and in particular to those official gentlemen of this city, who have so kindly honoured him with their patronage; the beauty of his type, a strict attention to business, and his moderate charges for printing of every kind - he fondly hopes, will insure him a continuance of favors from a generous public.⁹⁷

If Pechin actually engaged in official printing for the city, the extent of his work is not known.

Newspaper publishing, however, was Pechin's first love; and in January, 1798, he launched the idea of a new sheet, the Baltimore Intelligencer, obtained subscribers, and intended it to make its first appearance on February 12⁹⁸; but publication was delayed until March 7. Like the Eagle of Freedom, this new sheet, according to its prospectus, was to be published every Monday, Wednesday and Friday, at a cost to subscribers of three dollars per annum, and every subscriber would be entitled to advertise at half price through its columns. It would be printed with a new type on paper of quarto royal size. Its plan would be similar to that of a magazine; one page, at least, would be devoted to

96 Appendix A. Imprint bibliography, items 346, 416, 417.

97 Baltimore intelligencer. March 7, 1798.

98 Telegraphe. January 27, 1798.