

religious, moral, or literary articles, and to poetry and anecdote; a "correct list" of marriages and deaths would be included; not more than a page and a half of any one issue would be given over to advertisements; if the paper should receive more than could be accommodated in the remaining space, a supplement would be issued. The editor would be thankful for original contributions; and he recommended his paper especially to "the fair sex" who "merit the highest attentions, and the greatest endeavours shall be used to gratify the delicacy of their fancy."⁹⁹

Up to this time there had been little evidence of political rivalry in the Baltimore newspapers. The Maryland Journal, it is true, printed editorials by Pechin which were, politically, too radical for Edwards' taste.¹⁰⁰ Edwards must have had a leaning towards Republicanism; he was an officer in the militia company Sans Culottes, and that militia company met often with the Baltimore Republican Society¹⁰¹, formed in 1794¹⁰²; but the conduct of his Maryland Journal adhered closely to the motto of Edwards's Baltimore Daily Advertiser of 1793 and 1794: "Open to all parties but influenced by none." Pechin's first

⁹⁹ Federal gazette. September 6, 1797.

¹⁰⁰ Baltimore American. Supplement. August 20, 1873.

¹⁰¹ Link, E.P. op. cit. p. 182.

¹⁰² Ibid. p. 14.