

newspaper, the Eagle of Freedom, does not appear to have had any political affiliation, but so few issues exist that there is no adequate basis for judgment.

With the advent of the Baltimore Intelligencer, there was introduced a definite note of rivalry - at first purely personal - between Pechin's paper and the Federal Gazette, edited by Matthew Brown, with Pechin's complaint that no courteous welcome had been accorded his new publication by other local newspapers,¹⁰³ and Brown's stinging retort that no such custom existed, except through the advertising medium, or when "from the known genius and talents of the editor, it is expected to possess uncommon merit."¹⁰⁴ Personal rivalry between the editors gave way to political rivalry between Brown, the Federalist, of the Federal Gazette, and Pechin, who conducted his Intelligencer "with much republican spirit".¹⁰⁵

Pechin was undoubtedly aided and encouraged in his establishment of a political newspaper by his journeyman printer, one Alexander Martin, who had come to Baltimore, probably in the first months of 1797.¹⁰⁶

Some idea of Martin's experiences before his arrival in Maryland, may be gleaned from a pasquinade,

103 Baltimore intelligencer. March 9, 1798.

104 Federal gazette. March 10, 1798.

105 American. May 14, 1799.

106 Federal gazette. August 14, 1798.