

associate in the publication of the Baltimore Intel-
ligencer, wrote on March 13, 1799, that:

The rapid increase of population in this city, the extent of its commercial concerns; the wealth, liberality and spirit of its citizens, are favorable co-incidents that another daily paper would meet with ample encouragement.¹²⁷

Accordingly, he announced that the American would be published "on the first Monday of April next (if the bay is opened, to procure the printing materials from Philadelphia)"; the new publication would be "impressed on an elegant new type; the manufacture of our own country"; and delivery was promised "to its subscribers at the City and Point, at sun rise, on the morning of every week day, at seven dollars per annum."¹²⁸

In April there was still no printing apparatus, and it was not until May that the first number was distributed to the subscribers of the Intelligencer,¹²⁹ as a definitely partisan sheet. It pledged itself to "the principles of Republicanism":

The American shall give an energetic, and undivided, support to the Federal Constitution, to the principles which led to the American revolution, and to that genuine amor patriae, which by calling into action abilities the most eminent, the most arduous struggles, and unremitting perseverance, has thus far preserved us from a ruinous and destructive war. The editor is fully aware that he shall lay himself open to all the hatred, malice, slander and

127 Telegraphe. March 13, 1799.

128 Ibid. March 13, 1799.

129 American. May 14, 1799.