

persecution, which form the leading policy of the advocates of toryism and royalty; but he pledges himself not to allow them a single inch, even should they oppose to him their whole phalanx.¹³⁰

Apparently there had been some demand for a Republican (Democratic) daily newspaper in Baltimore. According to Martin, William Pechin "relinquished his intention of creating this establishment in our favor".¹³¹ While he was awaiting the arrival of his printing apparatus, Martin formed a verbal agreement with James Carey of Philadelphia,

late editor and printer of the United States Recorder, a paper decidedly devoted to the support of the Federal Constitution, and the pure principles of genuine republicanism.¹³²

for publishing the American; but this proposed partnership never materialized,¹³³ and the American carried in its caption, "By Alex. Martin".

George Fryer was employed to canvas the city for customers for the paper.¹³⁴ Martin later issued this statement regarding the subscription list:

It had then no subscribers previously engaged; like a friendless stranger it threw itself upon the generosity of the public ... many of the hospitable doors of its citizens were thrown open for its reception.¹³⁵

At the end of the first year, nine hundred subscribed

- 130 American. May 14, 1799.
- 131 Ibid. May 14, 1799.
- 132 Telegraphe. March 13, 1799.
- 133 American. May 14, 1799.
- 134 Ibid. May 18, 1799.
- 135 Ibid. June 9, 1800.