

publication a profitable enterprise, for in the fall of 1793, he proposed publishing a periodical, the Monthly Mirror; or, Maryland Museum,²¹ but if this magazine was ever published, no copies can be located today. In the meantime, Edwards' book publishing business was growing; he was the first printer known to have laid before the public An Act for Incorporating Baltimore Town, in Baltimore County, into a City,²² published in 1794 "for consideration," only; for the actual incorporation of Baltimore did not take place until 1796. On September 12 he advertised as "just published and for sale ... with a variety of other new publications ... an assortment of children's books"²³. While no printer's name appears on the imprint, it is very likely that the Famous History of Sir Richard Whittington and his Cat,²⁴ printed for John Fisher, stationer, of Baltimore, is one of the publications then announced.

Edwards seemed to be establishing himself securely in the printing business. His daily newspaper was going well, and he was progressively printing more books and pamphlets. He had a wife and family; he was married to

21 Appendix A. Imprint bibliography, item 131.

22 Appendix A. Imprint bibliography, item 188.

23 Edwards's Baltimore daily advertiser. September 12, 1794.

24 Appendix A. Imprint bibliography, item 170.