

agriculture, interesting foreign and domestic publications, and essays (here he pledged himself to reject, "instructed by youthful errors ... pieces which contain invectives against private citizens, or reflections that might in any manner injure their reputations, as well as all religious discussions".)¹⁹

However, the day of successful triweekly publications in Baltimore seemed to be over. Two daily papers were flourishing in the city, Yundt and Patton's Federal Intelligencer and Edwards's Baltimore Daily Advertiser, and during the 1790's no newspaper of less frequency seemed to meet with any degree of success. It is regrettable, but by no means surprising that, on the following January, this announcement appeared:

J. Hayes presents his respectful compliments to his friends and patrons, who were so kind as to set their names to his late proposal for a newspaper, and informs them, that not procuring a sufficient number for its support, he has been induced to decline the same - But their encouragement on this occasion, though unsuccessful, will ever be gratefully remembered.²⁰

With this defeat, Hayes gave up newspaper publishing, but perhaps not all his ambitions in the periodical field, for on December 27, 1796 there appeared an advertisement that "Subscriptions for the Magazine of Knowledge, by Wilmer and Hayes, will be received at

19 Federal intelligencer. October 31, 1794.

20 Ibid. January 17, 1795.