

Clayland and Dobbin, Publishers of the Tele-
graphe. - After John Hayes failed to publish his pro-
 jected Maryland Register, a new Baltimore printing firm,
 Clayland, Dobbin & Co. issued proposals for a news-
 paper:

The subscribers beg leave to inform their friends,
 and the public in general, that, having procured
 the new and elegant apparatus, lately imported
 from Europe, by Mr. John Hayes, they intend pub-
 lishing a daily news-paper, under the name of the
 Baltimore Telegraphe.⁴⁸

Thomas E. Clayland, the senior member of the firm,
 was then (1795) about twenty-three years of age. There
 were Claylands on the Eastern Shore of Maryland at the
 time;⁴⁹ it is possible that Thomas Clayland was a mem-
 ber of this family; and, if so, he may have served his
 apprenticeship in Wilmington, perhaps at the printing
 office of Samuel and John Adams, for his first Balti-
 more appearance was in connection with that firm. He
 was placed in charge of the Adams office at north-west
 corner of Gay and Second Streets, as superintendent,
 in June of 1794, and was authorized to collect accounts⁵⁰

The junior member, Thomas Dobbin, was one of a
 family later to become famous in nineteenth century
 Baltimore. He was the third son of Archibald Dobbin

48 Federal intelligencer. January 19, 1795.

49 Turner, C.H.B. Genealogical collection, folio 20;
 and Centreville, Queen Anne's county, Md. St.
 Paul's Protestant Episcopal church. Records.

50 Baltimore daily intelligencer. June 21, 1794.