

sustained a most pressing loss, and the public an industrious, arduous, and patriotic servant.<sup>64</sup>

The Federal Gazette which, like other newspapers of the period, seldom indulged in a long or detailed obituary, paid Clayland this tribute:

In this young gentleman were centered many amiable qualities, which promised considerable advantage to society. He was the support of an aged mother, and the prop of an unfortunate family.<sup>65</sup>

His estate, administered by Sarah Clayland, totaled the pitifully small sum of \$58.77. Of this, the value of \$9.75 was ascribed to his books, which were listed as "7 volumes World displayed, 2 do Sheridons Dictionary, 7 Old Books".<sup>66</sup> The inventory also listed the uniform and appurtenances which he wore as secretary in the First Company of the First Battalion of the Twenty-Seventh Maryland Regiment.<sup>67</sup> Dobbin retained his partner's name in the heading of the Telegraphe through 1798; from that date he appeared as sole proprietor.

Like its rivals, the Federal Gazette and the American, the Telegraphe experienced a period of growth about 1799, for on July 2 of that year, Dobbin announced that

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64 Telegraphe. December 7, 1797.

65 Federal gazette. December 4, 1797.

66 Baltimore. Inventories. Liber W.B.21, folio 308.

67 Maryland journal. May 15, 1795.