

## THE PUBLISHER

Of the Baltimore Director, deems it superfluous to say much on the occasion of his issuing his tenth edition. The immense labor and monotonous task of collecting the name, occupation, and location of each householder in Baltimore, is once more accomplished, and we present in this edition, the largest number of names yet published.

We feel grateful for the discreet and civil response we have received from our fellow citizens, to our inquiries for the necessary information; and for the support of the *public spirited, intelligent, and just*, in subscribing for copies of the work. We have had little or no difficulty with such, as they are already convinced, by reflecting, that the nature of this publication renders it liable to imperfection more than any other, or they are ready to hear our arguments to prove it, and are not unreasonable in their expectations—nor observations. There is not one name out of twenty but will admit of various modes of spelling, equally correct—as there is no rule for spelling names, (neither in Baltimore, “Philadelphia,\* New York,” or elsewhere; any more than there is a law to keep people from moving after their names are taken, and those places are as liable to, and their directories are complained of as much, if not more, for containing errors, than ours, the thoughtless assertions of some *few* to the contrary notwithstanding.) There are families in Baltimore who spell their names, the one Geese, the other Giese, each equally correct and pronounced alike; others, Reilly and Riley, Smith and Smyth, Adkinson and Atkinson, &c. Let any reader examine for his own satisfaction, and he will have difficulty in finding a name that will not admit of more than one mode of spelling; and a person looking for a name, and not finding it in the director according to his mode, ought not to conclude that it does not contain it, as, if the compiler spells it differently, it is put in the alphabetical order of his arrangement. Again, a man (or his clerk, journeyman or porter,) gives the name, business, street and number of place of business, and dwelling, which are in different parts of the city; the same or another person, (four were employed in compiling this director,) calls at the dwelling, if the same person takes both, it is impossible that he