

only observe that had you been where you were ordered you wd not have seen Mr. Lewis."

Edwards died as a result of the wound on October 16, 1800.⁷⁴

The inventory of his estate shows that he did quite well, financially, after his bankruptcy in 1797. The estate included a house and lot near Chatsworth Gardens and totalled \$1191.75.⁷⁵ His library consisted of sixty-two books, appraised at \$30.00. Sometimes these inventories list the books, indicating the reading tastes of the owners, but in this case no details are given.

Edwards has several "firsts" to his credit; Maryland's first periodical, the first Sunday newspaper in the United States, first printer to the city of Baltimore, first officer known to have been commissioned in the Marine Corps. Unfortunately, he has been obscure and relatively unknown, but his contributions to the history of Maryland publishing are significant and important.

74 Federal gazette. October 16, 1800.

75 Baltimore county, Md. Inventories. Liber W. B. 21, folio 363.