

## BALTIMORE'S POLITICAL NEWSPAPERS

David Graham, Publisher of Baltimore's First Successful Daily. - Baltimore's first successful daily newspaper, the Baltimore Daily Repository made its first appearance on Monday, October 24, 1791. It was not the first daily newspaper printed in the city; four years previous to this date, about August 2, 1787, Maurice Murphy and Richard Bowen began the publication of the Palladium of Freedom. Only one copy is known, number 6, August 8, 1787, located at the American Antiquarian Society, and it carries a manuscript note in Goddard's handwriting:

First daily paper at Balt. continued a few weeks the publishers abdicated under cover of night.<sup>1</sup>

The Baltimore Daily Repository, with various changes of title, was published until March 31, 1838.

David Graham, the first editor and proprietor of the Repository arrived in Baltimore about July of 1791 and opened a printing office on Calvert Street, between Market (now Baltimore) Street and the Court House.<sup>2</sup> He came from Philadelphia where he had served his apprenticeship with the well-known firm of

1 Wheeler, J.T. The Maryland press. A bibliography of Maryland imprints, 1777-1790, item 447.

2 Maryland gazette (Baltimore) July 5, 1791.