

not communicated to us it cannot be expected  
that they should influence our conduct

Edward Thornton Esq  
Vice-Consul of His  
Britannic Majesty.

We are Sir  
James Bruce Presd.

In Council 16<sup>th</sup> July 1793.

Sirs,

73. We have before us your letter of the  
14<sup>th</sup> Instant, as well as a former one dated the  
25<sup>th</sup> of June which the absence of the Governor  
prevented you from receiving earlier notice of -  
with regard to this last mentioned letter  
we have only to make our acknowledgements  
for the expressions of approbation and esteem  
which it contains. In reply to your other  
favour we desire to assure you of the great  
pleasure with which we learn that your distressed  
Countrymen have been liberally assisted by  
the Citizens of Baltimore, and we applaud  
your zeal to prevent any misbehaviour in  
individuals which might dishonour the French  
Nation and impeach its gratitude - but  
as the authority of this Board does not

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