

In Council Annapolis
Sir. August 26. 1793.

83. The Captain and officers of the french
frigate L'Espee lying off this place, have just
come on shore and made an application to us
for a supply of fresh provisions, of which they
say they have long been destitute, and are nearly
so of all kinds - It is entirely out of the
sphere of our authority to use the public money
for such purposes - nevertheless, having no
reason to doubt, that the Officers of this Ship
are faithful to the existing Government of
France, and concluding that as such their
necessities will engage your attention, we
have made ourselves answerable for a supply
of meat and vegetables which will be furnished
them to morrow, and will continue to be
furnished, for a reasonable time, in the
hope of hearing from you as soon as
possible, and of being assured that you will
take measures for the reimbursement of what
shall be expended for their support. —

The Citizen Boisjourné
Vice Consul &c.

We have the Honor
James Bruce Presd.