

Sir, In Council, February 11th: 1794

Your Letter of the 20th August, engaging to reimburse the expence incurred here by the Frigate Office for provisions furnished by order of the Board was duly received, and we should in consequence have drawn on you immediately for the amount, but that before we could obtain the furnisher's account, our good officers were again required by a number of Soldiers of the French Republic, who being on furlough on account of wounds received in the West India service landed from St Domingo, some distance below this place and came here on foot, the greater part of them in bad health and all apparently in want of the means of Subsistence. On their pressing application, we directed a person here to provide them a passage by Water to Baltimore, and with board and lodging until a boat could be procured. One of them (Nicholas Clivar) was so exhausted with malady and fatigue that the person who had taken him in was advised to keep him until he should either die which then seemed the most probable event or recover his Health in some degree. A Physician who was kind enough to visit this man occasionally prescribed wine, as the only means of restoring him; and this has occasioned the account against him to be so considerable. He was at length sent to Baltimore and we presume has presented himself to you. The readiness with which you undertook to pay the expence of the Frigate prompted us to believe that the step now announced would be acceptable to you; and we feel no doubt that you will cheerfully assent to a draught which we have made on you in favour of Leblond Hellingworth for £39.10.10 - being the whole amount of the expenditures in question. For your satisfaction, we enclose an account of the particulars, and are very respectfully

Sir

Your Most Obedient Servant

Tho S. Lee

Citizen. Heijsonnier
Vice Consul of the French Republic.
at Baltimore.