

by the United States, and the services of
the vessels & crews limited to the Navy,
induces me to solicit of you some
instructions to govern me in my move-
ments as well as in the expenses of re-
fresher, refreshings &c.

There are many little circumstances
that might drive us to sea, such as
the Enemy's getting above us in the night
or heavy squalls from the west in the
night, such as we experienced the other
night while laying off New Found-
land. I feel extremely desirous of the
2^d wishes in those situations, it would
therefore be gratifying to me to be per-
mitted to come on for a day or two, to
communicate to you more fully
on the subject of my situation -
with great respect

Truly

Y^r ob^t serv^r -

Chas^r Gordon

For the

William Jones

Secretary of the Navy

Washington.