

Letter to John Washington, 20 December 1861

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Captain Washington R N.

Sir

I am very sorry to have
to report the death of Robert
Fayers, carpenter of the Pioneer
on the 17th Curr. After a
fortnights illness. We have
been detained since the 16th
November in a most un-
healthy part of the river having
a large marsh on each
side of us. this is the only
reason we know for the
greater virulence of the Fever
for the ship has been kept
scrupulously clean above,
below and in the bilges.
We did not expect a fatal
issue and feel the loss
very much it being the
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only death in the Expedition
during three and a half
years in these rivers

I have written to the young
mans parents and advised
them to apply to you about
arrears of wages, and any
money that may arise
from the sale of his tools
and clothes and an account
of which will be sent
as soon as possible. Their
address is M^{rs} Fayers

Near the Coventry Cross

St Leonard's

Bromley

Middlesex

I am &c

David Livingstone

H.M.Consul.

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He was attended by D^r Meller during
most of his illness & latterly
had the assistance of D^r Kirk
D^r Mellers report & post
mortem examination is
enclosed

I close this letter and will
send an account of the
effects of the carpenter in
another letter as soon
as the sale takes place