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Dear Mr. Pryor

I regret to find that I have not before replied to your letter of the 8th November, 1978 requesting three copies of 'Powderbarge WD'. I now enclose the three copies and hope that I may soon be able to take up the offer by Mr. McLaren to see something of the old works.

I also enclose a copy of a photograph received from a Mr. C.C. Hubbard of Birmingham of his Grandfather Aaron Newton bottom left. He also reports that the man behind may be Mr. Langley. I understand that Mr. Langley Jun was Transport Officer at ERDE in December 1976 and that his father retired around 1930 (sometime after the 1927 date given for the photograph). I wonder if Mr. Langley is still on your staff and able to identify anyone else in the photograph. I also wonder if you have any records to identify the uniform of the six gentlemen.

Yours sincerely,



18. Riverside Path

A. Lockhart.

Dear Mr Pryor.

Sorry to have been so long, in replying to your first letter, unfortunately around that time I had two bereavements in the family circle I am afraid this caused me to overlook your letter.

It is nice to know that some-one still interested in the members of the old Sea Barge. I have contacted my elder sisters and they think the top left gentleman could be our father and does resemble him but they could not be sure.

As for the remainder we cannot give any true information, the only Mr Newton I can recall was the Wellham Abbey Lock Keeper and that to my recollection was before 1920., they had uniforms similar to a Barge man.

The cap badges were not all the same if I remember correctly, the Barge Masters

a slightly different one, which stated that they had a Master's Ticket were Lightermen and Watermen of River Thames. (which my father held) uniform buttons were nickel plated if I remember correctly, had the letters G.R. ~~embossed~~<sup>entwined</sup> in silver coloured metal, these buttons were considered to be very expensive in those days cost 1/- each and around 1920 they were replaced by the normal black bone buttons. I am sorry I cannot be more helpful to you

Yours sincerely

S. Langley.

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