

Baltimore, July 27.—MURDER AT SEA.—By the arrival of the barque Lapwing, this morning, from Rio Janeiro, we learn that Capt. Frater, of the clipper ship Sea Witch, was murdered at sea on board that vessel, on the night of June 5th, while the first mate had charge of the deck. His skull was beaten in by three distinct blows, evidently from a marlinspike, which was afterwards found in the mate's room.

Dr. Brolosky, the surgeon of the ship, who suspected the mate, insisted on having the vessel taken into Rio. The mate refused at first, but was finally overawed by the Dr., who accused him of the murder, and threatened to shoot him if he hesitated longer. On arrival at Rio, the American Consul, after an examination of the affair, ordered the arrest of the mate. Before being taken ashore he made an unsuccessful attempt at suicide.

Messrs. Maxwell, Wright & Co. have charge of the ship, and have appointed Capt. Long to the command. The body of Capt. Frater is to be sent home in the ship Union, about leaving for New York. The mate's name is Sylvanus M. Spencer.