

# SECRETARIAT

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(Formerly)

## M. V. 'PHILOMEL'

### CONNECTED FILES.

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Slipway  
Survey

2189

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Proposal to replace 'Philomel'

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Extract from letter from The Hon. A.R. Monk of 3rd March, 1961.

(Original Filed In: 0825/C)

I am delighted to hear that "Philomel" is getting an overhaul.

No. I/60

It is requested that, in any reference to this memorandum the above number and date should be quoted.

MEMORANDUM.



18th May 1961

To The Honourable,  
The Colonial Secretary,  
Secretariate.

From The Collector of Customs  
& Harbour Master.

Stanley, Falkland Islands.

SUBJECT :-

Engine Spares Price List

Engine spares for "Philomel" have increased beyond all expectations. In order that I can make a more accurate estimate when preparing Indents for 1961/62, I would appreciate if the Crown Agents could be approached to obtain from Lister Blackstone Marine Limited, Dursley, Gloucestershire, England, up to date Price Lists. A Draft letter is attached.

A handwritten signature in dark ink, appearing to be "J. G. G. G. G." or similar.

Collector of Customs &  
Harbour Master.

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19th May,

61.

Gentlemen,

I am directed to enquire if you can obtain up to date price lists from Lister Blackstone Marine Limited, Dursley, Gloucestershire, England, for the following engines:-

F.P.V.M.G. 3 - 5  
F.R.1 - F.R.3  
F.R.4 - F.R.6  
C.F.M. 14 H.P.

2. It would be appreciated if these price lists could be despatched airmail in order that accurate estimates can be made when preparing the 1961/62 Indents.

I am,  
Gentlemen,  
Your obedient servant,

(Sgd.) D.R. Morrison

for COLONIAL SECRETARY.

Crown Agents for Oversea Governments and Administrations,  
4, Millbank,  
LONDON, S.W.1.

Copy to: Harbour Master

Revised at 584

BU 19.7.61

THE FOLLOWING REFERENCE AND THE  
DATE OF THIS LETTER SHOULD BE  
NOTED IN COMMUNICATIONS.

*Mulu*

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CROWN AGENTS

FOR OVERSEA GOVERNMENTS AND ADMINISTRATIONS

Q/EM3/Falkland Islands 8856.

4, MILLBANK,

LONDON, S.W.1.

TELEGRAMS (INLAND: "CROWN, SOWEST, LONDON."  
OVERSEA: "CROWN, LONDON.")

TELEPHONE: ABBEY 7730

TELEX NO. 24209

29th June, 1961.

Sir,

*arb.*  
*585 578*

I am directed to refer to your letter No.0664/V dated 19th May and to enclose Messrs. Lister Blackstone Marine Ltd. Tenders for the following engine types:-

FR1MG/R

FR2MG/R

FR3MG/R

FR4MG/R

FR6MG/R

EV3MG/R

EV5MG/R

It has been assumed that all the engines mentioned in your letter are required for marine propulsion duties and the firm were therefore requested to quote accordingly. If this assumption is incorrect and any of the engines are required for auxiliary purposes please advise this office accordingly so that further quotations may be obtained.

Lister Blackstone Marine Ltd., have advised that the EPV engines are now superceded by the EVM engine and that the CEM engine is also obsolete. The nearest engine to the 14 HP CEM is the FR2MG/R a quotation for which is included.

All prices quoted include packing and delivery F.O.B. British Port and are subject to the following discounts for orders placed by the Crown Agents.

EVM type engines - 5%

FRM type engines - 7½%

The delivery periods are shown at the end of each quotation.

If you decide to Indent for any of the engines offered will you please refer to the reference at the head of this letter.

I am, Sir,  
Your obedient servant,

*F. C. Lewis*

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The Colonial Secretary,  
Colonial Secretary's Office,  
Stanley,  
Falkland Islands.

*Hhr*  
*To see fl*  
REC

HCS

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Seen. It appears that the present engines on Phibunt  
 are now obsolete and when spare are ordered they have  
 to be made. This probably accounts for the high price  
 in spare parts. I understand the P.C.D. also asked  
 for an engine price list but was unsuccessful. ~~etc~~  
 present I don't think any further action is required, unless  
 it is decided to re-engine the Phibunt. The only  
 engine to suit Phibunt is the EVSMC/R. Final cost  
 is £5,589. without the necessary accessories.

*JH*  
 JH  
 27.7.61  
 R.

*Phu*  
 28.8.61

It has been ascertained that all the engines mentioned  
 in your letter are regulated for the propulsion of  
 and the firm were therefore requested to quote accordingly.  
 If this quotation is incorrect and any of the engines are  
 required for auxiliary purposes please advise this office  
 accordingly so that further enquiries may be obtained.

Latest Blackstone Marine Ltd. have advised that the  
 1000 engines are now superseded by the 1000 engine and that  
 the 1000 engine is also obsolete. The nearest engine to  
 the 1000 is the 1000 a quotation for which is  
 included.

All prices quoted include packing and delivery to the  
 British port and are subject to the following discounts  
 for orders placed by the Crown Agents.

- 10% type engines - 2%
- 1000 type engines - 1%

The delivery periods are shown at the end of each quotation.  
 If you desire to insure for any of the engines quoted  
 will you please refer to the references at the head of this  
 letter.

I am, Sir,  
 Yours obedient servant,  
 J. H. ...

The Colonial Secretary,  
 Colonial Secretary's Office,  
 ...



Whitehall 9.0  
Est. 106.

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CF Branch III,  
4. IX 61. 582

Dear Pettit,

Here is an  
extra copy of the  
letter to Sir E.

Arncliffe. I hope  
he gets the original  
in time.

WMBurrows

~~578~~ 583

HCS

579 For your file  
W.P. to see

\* comment

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EPA 29.9.61

Whitehall 9000  
Extension 106

4 September, 1961

G.F. 7534/61

Sir,

I am commended by My Lords Commissioners of the Admiralty to refer to your letter of 28th August, 1961, about the replacement required by the Falkland Islands Government for their m.f.v. Chiloseal.

Invitations to shipbuilders to tender for the construction of six 75' Fleet Tenders will be sent out in the course of the next month or so. The broad requirements for tendering purposes are as follows:

- (a) Capable of carrying about 3,000 cu. ft. or 25 tons stores, or up to 200 passengers, (50 under cover).
- (b) Length about 75 ft. - steel construction.
- (c) Speed 10 knots - Diesel machinery.
- (d) Endurance 700 miles.
- (e) Accommodation for crew of 2 officers and 4 ratings.
- (f) Single toilet and cooking facilities.
- (g) Bridge control of machinery.
- (h) 220 volt D.C. diesel generating plant for auxiliary machinery, lighting, heating, etc.

The specification will be produced by the successful tenderer, the craft being of completely commercial design and built to Lloyd's requirements.

The Admiralty would be prepared to include an additional and identical craft in their invitation to tender if the Falkland Islands Government decides forthwith to proceed on this basis. A charge of 2% of the final invoice price of the craft would be made for placing the contract and there might be a further charge if overseeing is required. Alternatively you could arrange with the Crown Agents to place the contract direct with the firm which obtains the Admiralty contract.

/I .....

Sir Edwin Arrowsmith, K.C.M.G.,  
c/o Colonial Office,  
Great Smith Street,  
London, E.C.1.

G.P. 7534/61

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I am to request that the intentions of the Falkland Islands Government be communicated as soon as possible if it is decided to include the requirement in the Admiralty invitation to tender.

I am to add that the figure of £40,000 per vessel is a rough order of cost only, estimated for the purpose of making financial provision in Navy Estimates.

I am, Sir,  
Your obedient servant,

(SGD) R. N. P. LEWIN



Whitehall 9000  
Extension 106

ADMIRALTY  
LONDON S.W.1

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Please address any reply to

THE SECRETARY  
OF THE ADMIRALTY

quoting: G.F. 7534/61

Your reference:

4<sup>th</sup> September, 1961

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London, S.W.1.

Reply at 584



ADMIRALTY  
LONDON S.W.1

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OF THE ADMIRALTY

*quoting: G.F. 7534/61*

*Your reference:*

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I am, Sir,  
Your obedient Servant,

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Government House,  
Falkland Islands.

4th October 1961

Sir,

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I have the honour to acknowledge receipt of your letter No. GF 7534/61 of September 4, about the replacement for the m.f.v. "Philonel", and to thank you for your help in this matter.

At present no decision has been reached regarding her replacement, and so I cannot ask you to include an additional and identical craft in your invitation to tender. I should, however, be most grateful if you would let me know in due course the cost quoted by the successful tenderer for your six vessels.

I have the honour to be,

Sir,

Your obedient servant,

signed Edwin Arrowsmith

GOVERNOR

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Harbour Master,

To see the letter from the Admiralty of 4th September, and for your comments, pl.

RS

for C.S.

10. 10. 61.

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H.C.S.

Letter from Admiralty seen. The length of these Fleet Tenders are the same as Philomel - 75'. Other dimensions such as beam and draft are not quoted, therefore without a drawing of this type of craft it is difficult to make any comments for or against.

It seems that their carrying capacity 3,000 cubic feet - 75 tons measurement is greater than the Philomel's 2,280 cubic feet (52 tons measurement), but I do not understand what is meant by 25 tons stores.

Another point for consideration is whether or not a steel vessel is suitable for these waters, taking into account our very limited repair facilities.

A.J.G.

591

H.M.

11/10/61.

H.M.

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I should think that you could take 200 hundred  
± 25 tons of stores or else to full 75 ton  
cargo but I think we had would need a plan.  
was I think we are aware

(a) more information re cost of replacement  
of engines

(b) the return of the tender.

12/10/61

H.C.S.

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Information has now been received and the total  
cost of spare parts will be £2,420, (Indent attached).

The master J.T. Solbe returns on this Darwin 23.

I think after his return we should discuss on  
with this and also the slipway. At present  
I am keeping the Philomel on the move, but  
the time is coming when we will be  
forced to make a final decision.

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MEMORANDUM

No.           

It is requested that, in any reference to this memorandum the above number and date should be quoted.

9th July, 1962. 19

From The Collector of Customs & Harbour Master,

Stanley.

To The Honourable,  
The Colonial Secretary,  
Stanley, Falkland Islands.

SUBJECT :- M/V "Philomel"

The Emergency Lighting system which is operated off Batteries has ceased to work due to the Batteries having overrun their life. I therefore ask for permission to purchase three heavy duty batteries from the Public Works Store at a cost of £17 each, £51 in all.

594.  
*attached forms are available*

*W. J. G. Gimson*  
Harbour Master  
595.

H.M.  
Please note 594.  
596  
*See, thank you*

*11/7/62. HBS*

*to C.S.*  
11. 7. 62.

*P.S.*  
16. 7. 62.

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No. S/17.

MEMORANDUM

It is requested that in any reference to this memorandum the above number and date should be quoted.

7th August, 19 62.

From The Collector of Customs  
and Harbour Master.  
Stanley, Falkland Islands.

To The Honourable,  
The Colonial Secretary,  
Stanley.

SUBJECT :- Proposed Increase in Steaming Bonus.

See P/227  
& P/359. I have the honour to acknowledge the receipt of your Memorandum of the 3rd inst., and to inform you that additional funds will be required to meet the proposed increase, and an A.I.S.E. has been submitted to the Treasurer amounting to £32. (Copy attached.)

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*L.J. Gimson*  
Collector of Customs and Harbour  
Master.

# APPLICATION TO INCUR SUPPLEMENTARY EXPENDITURE.

HEAD		SUBHEAD	AMOUNT.	REASONS.
No.	No.	Description.		(may be continued overleaf)
V.	22	Bonus	£32	To cover proposed increase in Steaming Bonus for Master & Engineer of M/V "Philomel"

Savings of £..... under Head..... Subhead.....

Signed *L. J. Ginn*

Date 7th August, 1962.

*R*  
*B*  
8.60

DECODE.

No. 3.

TELEGRAM.

From..... Commanding Officer, H.M.S. Protector.

To..... Colonial Secretary, Falkland Islands.

Despatched :                    11th February,                    19 64.                    Time : 1216

Received :                    11th February,                    19 64.                    Time :

Skipper of Philomel has asked for assistance in checking his compass.

2. Only satisfactory method would be if he sailed in Company a.m. Saturday 29th February and compared compasses on different headings.

Could this be arranged.

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Reply at 602

Hm

Is this suitable?

P/L : LH

P/LH

11.2.64

A.G.S

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Frank Philand confirm that this date,  
time and method quite convenient to  
him.

Lfg  
H. W.

14. 2. 64.

# GOVERNMENT TELEGRAPH SERVICE

FALKLAND ISLANDS

## SENT

Wt. P2809 5/61

Number	Office of Origin	Words	Handed in at	Date
	Psy			21.2.64
To	etat CO PROTECTOR			HOA/c

Have arranged Philomel sail in company with you 29th

Colonial Secretary

*Par*  
21.2.64

HLB/LH

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15th April, 1967.

Dear Consul,

Later this year we shall be taking delivery of our new Government cargo vessel and we shall then have an old one to dispose of.

The rough details of the vessel are:

Motor Fishing Vessel built 1945 Oak frames, larch planking fitted with bronze shoe and bronze propellor.

Length over-all 75' 7"  
Beam 19' 4"

Cargo capacity 2,050 cubic feet.

Engine - Blackstone Lister Engine 140 H.P. and twin cylinder Lister auxiliary 14 H.P.

Though in need of a complete overhaul on a slipway, it may well be that a vessel of this nature would be suitable on the Coast. Do you think that there is any profit in advertising it around your part of the world and if so could you tell us how to go about it?

We shall not be asking a definite price and will consider any reasonable offer which might be made to us.

I am getting some photographs prepared and will make some photographs available to any interested persons.

Yours sincerely,

(W.H. THOMPSON)  
COLONIAL SECRETARY

British Consul,  
British Consulate,  
PUNJA ARBENAS.

ER

2189/III

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V. h. Sumner  
Port Howard  
23rd May 1967 603

Dear Sir,

I am interested in buying the Old Philomel if Government intend selling at a reasonable price.

I would be most  
greatfull for particulars concerning this boat when the  
time comes and condition of sale.

I remain yours  
faithfully  
V. h. Sumner

Act'd  
JA  
25.5.67



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See

Customs Officer  
to speak  
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27/5

30th May

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Dear Sir,

603  
W.H.

Thank you for your enquiry concerning the Philomel. Government is open to any offer and it would seem that you should first examine the vessel in detail before you decide what figure you may be prepared to offer.

In all fairness I must point out that Government is disposing of the Philomel only because of the cost of essential repair and the difficulties of day to day maintenance.

If you are coming into Stanley, or when the vessel next visits Fort Howard I suggest you look it over and the Master has been told to give you his full assistance.

Yours faithfully,

(W.H. Thompson)  
COLONIAL SECRETARY

Mr. V.L. Summers,  
FORT HOWARD.

Copies: H.M.:  
Master, M.V. Philomel

pmc.

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PUBLIC NOTICE

Sale. m.v. Philomel

Government offers for sale by public tender the m.v. Philomel in an "as is" condition.

It is stressed that this ship is in need of a complete overhaul and survey.

The vessel may be viewed by arrangement with the Master or Harbour Master.

Tenders addressed to the Chairman, Tender Board and marked "Philomel" should be submitted not later than Friday 8th September 1967.

Government does not bind itself to accept the highest or any tender.

Colonial Secretary's Office,  
Stanley, Falkland Islands.

9th August, 1967.

Ref: 2189/III

1 ~~off~~ tender at  
back Cove

Copy to H.M. 9.67

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C. Bundes  
3. Villiers Street,  
Stanley.  
6/9/1967.

The Chairman,  
Tender Board,  
( M.V. PHILOMEL )  
The Secretariat,  
Stanley.

Dear Sir,

Tender for m.v. Philomel

Having studied the various reports made available to me and understanding that the following spares will be sold with the vessel-

- 1 Propellor
- 1 Stern assembly complete
- 1 "A" Frame

I hereby tender the sum of £.1,100 ( One Thousand One Hundred POUNDS )

Should my tender be successful I plan to use the vessel for work in connection with my farming and sealing interests.

I would add that I am in a position to make a cash payment for the full amount.

Yours faithfully,

*CB Bundes*

*Reply 607*

11 November

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Dear Sir,

I regret to inform you that your tender in respect of the m.v. Philomel was unsuccessful.

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Yours faithfully,

(W.H. Thompson)  
COLONIAL SECRETARY

Mr. C. Bundes,  
STANLEY,

pmc.

11 November

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Dear Sirs,

You are appointed as a Committee to examine the m.v. Philomel and make recommendations regarding final disposal.

You will understand that in the light of technical advice offered Government was forced to purchase a new ship, it being considered that without major overhaul m.v. Philomel was unsafe at sea around the Falkland Islands. Obviously therefore Government is not in a position to sell the vessel locally unless it can be guaranteed she will be taken to an overseas shipyard for overhaul.

You should consider whether the vessel should be stripped and the appropriate parts thereof used or sold.

I should like your report to be in my hands by the end of the year.

Mr. E.C. Gutteridge is appointed Chairman of your Committee.

Yours faithfully,

(W.H. Thompson)  
COLONIAL SECRETARY

P. Gough Esq.,  
Superintendent of Works,  
STANLEY.

E.C. Gutteridge Esq., J.P.,  
Superintendent Power & Electrical Dept.,  
STANLEY.

D.J. Sallis Esq., B.E.M.,  
Master, m.v. Forrest,  
STANLEY.

pnc.

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EXTRACT FROM MINUTES OF MEETING NO. 6/67

HELD ON 17TH AND 20TH OCTOBER 1967

0664/V

20. SALE OF PHILOMEL

The Colonial Secretary reported that the result of continued advertising had only yielded one tender. This came from Mr. C. Bundes of Stanley who had offered £1,100.

Council considered the offer and advised that Mr. Bundes be informed that his tender was unsuccessful. Council further advised that a committee consisting of Mr. D.J. Sollis, B.E.M., the Superintendent of Public Works and the Superintendent Power and Electrical Department be appointed to examine the vessel and make recommendations regarding final disposal. The committee's recommendations would be considered at a subsequent meeting.

  
Clerk of Council

ER



E.C.Gutteridge.  
STANLEY.

4th December 1967.

Whilst you are in Punta Arenas would you possibly have time to enquire whether there is a potential buyer for the Philomel. The reason for this enquiry originating from myself, is, that I have been appointed chairman of a small committee (Jack Sollis and Phil. Gough) on best means of disposal.

I understand that the Consul, Punta, has been sent a letter with a view to his negotiating a sale but to date there has been no answer. The Colonial Secretary told me he thought there may be currency restrictions.

I have enclosed a photograph of the Philomel taken about three months ago, on the reverse side you will see her vital statistics.

We, that is the committee, thought an upset price of £3,000 might be reasonable, should a serious buyer be found, but any offer would be considered. Terms would preferably be cash but extended credit would be given with a banker's guarantee.

The vessel is in running order, but as you are aware is in need of docking and an engine and hull refit.

For delivery we had in mind a similar vessel coming over with a spare crew and escorting her back. We could not undertake delivery.

\* The Colonial Secretary affirmed there would be a remuneration to yourself should you negotiate a sale.

Trust all is well with you and the jobs on hand.

Captain David Turnbull,  
R.R.S. Shackleton.

Sincerely.

Sgnd. Ted.

Copy to, Colonial Secretary.  
File 0664/V.

\* Provided NERC agreed on credit in the future

\* Copied to original. *[Signature]*

*[Handwritten initials and numbers]*  
KIV 6-10

S.P.E. reports as follows:

"Captain Turnbull reported he had contacted a potential buyer M.V. Philomel. Buyer unable to arrange delivery and would require Philomel to be taken over to Punta. Further information may be obtained from J. Booth who knows and contacts him. (Name of Hardy, relation of the Hardy here). Captain Turnbull hinted that he might be prepared to take Philomel over if sale was made and provided crew could be found. He thought sale price would be considerably more if vessel was delivered."

S.I.

COLONIAL SECRETARY

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I have spoken J Booth who  
is following up with Hardy.

S.I.

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Rose Hotel,  
Stanley,  
24.4.68.-

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9/5

The Honourable The Colonial Secretary,  
Stanley.

Sir,

Señor Eugenio Lauz has requested me to offer up to £1300 (one thousand three hundred pounds) for the Philomel. The wording of his letter leads me to believe that it is not really a firm offer, for, amongst other things he asks me to try to better his offer of £1300.

However, it is a serious offer. Mr. Lauz owns two commercial fishing vessels, the "Araza" and the "Telefono", both about the size of the "Philomel". He is, or was the Commodore of the Yacht Club and he and his wife have both represented Uruguay in International races in Europe and in Canada.

The offer is subject to three conditions.

1. An assurance from the Falkland Islands Government that there will be no Falkland Islands objection to a change of flag to that of Uruguay.
2. The Falkland Islands Government should request the Uruguayan Government to agree to a change of flag and help to avoid any possible Uruguayan objections.
3. Permit a Master Mariner, preferably myself, to decide if the Philomel is seaworthy to make the single voyage to Montevideo.
4. The Falkland Islands Government should not put any obstacle in the way of the vessel being fully insured, such as saying the vessel is not seaworthy if one or two Master Mariners consider her to be seaworthy for the single voyage.

Both Mr. Lauz and I know of Captain Turnbull's report and realize that he is an extra Master and Surveyor.

In the event of a sale I understand there was or is a commission of £50 for the seller and, if so, confide that you will remember me.

In future please write direct to Señor Eugenio Lauz,  
Yacht Club del Uruguay,  
Montevideo.  
care Maclean & Stapledon, Montevideo.

AND REQUEST MACLEANS TO ASK LAUZ TO CALL FOR THE LETTER, as the internal postal service is too unreliable.

I will be pleased to help both sides as far as I am able to do so but please deal directly with Mr. Lauz in the future and either accept his offer or suggest some other solution. In my humble view the offer of £1300 is reasonable because similar M.F.V.'s can be obtained in the U.K. for less.

I have the honour to be, Sir,  
Your obedient Servant,

*Frederick Jones*

Mr. Joe Booth called in to-day to say that his contact, Mr. Hardy, in Punta Arenas was not interested in purchasing the "Philomel". Mr. Booth suggested that Mr. Hardy had gained the impression from Captain Turnbull that a price as high as this would not be realistic. However, it must be noted that this is only an impression gathered by Mr. Booth and does not tie up with Captain Turnbull's report to Mr. Thompson when he said that he had limited himself to giving a general impression of the vessel.

Mr. Booth said he would ask Mr. Hardy whether he was prepared to make a lower offer.

S  
D.

25th April, 1968

W.H. THOMPSON  
COLONIAL SECRETARY.

B.F. 30/6/68.

K11 - 616



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Rose Hotel,  
Stanley.  
4. 5. 68. -

The Honourable The Colonial Secretary,  
Stanley.-

Sir,

Senor Eugenio Lauz has requested me to ask you to be kind enough to:-

1. Send him a photograph of the m. v. Philomel.
2. Advise him how much you would charge to deliver the Philomel in Montevideo in the event of him buying her.
3. What was the last insurance premium for the Philomel and did the policy cover a voyage to Montevideo?
4. What engine spare parts are there available? Would you be prepared to sell them? and at what price?
5. Can any engine spare parts which are not available in the Falklands be obtained in the U.K.?
6. Send him a copy of the report of the last survey.
7. Lend him a plan of the vessel or otherwise give some details of the dimensions and construction.

I am trying to persuade Sr. Lauz to come here and see the vessel himself but I am inclined to think he will not do so.

Please be kind enough to write to Sr. Lauz care of Maclean & Stapledon and request them to ask Sr. Lauz to fetch the letter from their office. His telephone number is in the telephone guide of Montevideo under his name and he can also be contacted at the Yacht Club.

Sr. Lauz is keen to receive the information set out in this letter and in the previous one as soon as possible and I hope you will be able to write to him by the coming voyage of the Darwin so that his reply may be here this month.

I have the honour to be,  
Sir,  
Your obedient Servant,

W. J. Jones

7th May,

68.

Dear Senor Lauz,

Captain Frederic Jones has asked me to send you details of the M.V. "Philomel" which we are offering for sale.

As requested, I enclose two photographs of the vessel.

Captain Jones has put various specific questions to me and I think it would be best if I took each one in turn.

1. I can assure you that the Falkland Islands Government would not object to a change of flag to that of Uruguay.
2. The Falkland Islands Government would most certainly ask the British Embassy in Montevideo to assist as might be necessary in obtaining the agreement of the Uruguayan Government to a change of flag.
3. There would be no objection to Captain Jones making an examination of the vessel to ensure that she was sea-worthy to make the single voyage to Montevideo.
4. If the Falkland Islands Government sold the vessel to you it would not be interested in future insurance. At the moment, the vessel is lying at anchor and is uninsured.
5. The vessel is for sale in the Falkland Islands and the Falkland Island Government would not wish to be involved in the costs of delivery to Montevideo, but should some arrangements be necessary this could no doubt be worked out.
6. I will check up on the last conditions of insurance and let you know by the next voyage of R.M.S. "Darwin".
7. There are a certain number of engine parts available and we would be prepared to sell them. The price would be by negotiation.
8. I understand that engine spare parts are available in the United Kingdom. The engines are Lister Blackstone 148 H.P. with twin cylinder Lister auxiliary of 14 H.P.
9. Further details are that M.V. "Philomel" was built in 1945. The vessel has oak frames, larch planking and is fitted with bronze shoe and bronze propeller. Length overall is 75 feet 7 inches. Beam 19 feet 4 inches. The cargo capacity is 2,050 cubic feet.
10. A copy of the report of the last survey will be sent to you by the next outward mail.

I am sending a copy of this letter to Captain Jones and if you should care to raise any questions either through him or directly with me, I will do my best to answer them.

Yours sincerely,

(W.H. THOMPSON)  
COLONIAL SECRETARY.

Senor E. Lauz,  
Montevideo.

c.c. Captain F. Jones, Stanley.

SC

Hambourmaster

See folios 612 . 614 & 615 et seq.

Please let me leave the answer to query 4  
on 614 (I suppose we might consider an all in  
bid), & confirm that this ties up with 606,  
or not, as may now be:

What is the answer to Query 3 on 614?

Can we raise a plan as per Query 7  
on the same folio?

W1. 9/5.

P.S. I wish to get shot of this next week  
before SepCo: after that there is no time.

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W  
16/5

C. S.

1. Seen photos 612, 614 & 615. Harewich relative answers:

Query 3. Philomet's Insurance Policy expired last October. The premium was £244-10-0 per annum. This amount covered total construction loss of the vessel to the value of £9000. The policy did not cover voyages outside the limits of the Colony.

Query 4. There are no engine spares available. The following spares are in stock and I consider they should be included in the total offer. The list at 606 includes these spares: - 1 Propeller, 1 Stem assembly (complete) 1 A frame for main engine.

Query 7. There is only one plan of Philomet which is held in my office.

2. Mr. Booth called yesterday for further particulars of Philomet, Engine power, Reps etc. He advises there is renewed interest in Paratua Queen.

J.H.L. 9-5-68.

16th May, 68.

Dear Senor Lauz,

M.V. "Philomel".

As promised, I now give further details of the vessel, "Philomel", which is on offer for sale in the Falkland Islands.

As stated, the vessel is no longer insured and over the last few years had not been insured for voyages outside the limits of the Falkland Islands. The reason for this was that M.V. "Philomel" was never used for voyages outside the Colony and such additional insurance was unnecessary. The last insurance premium paid was £245 sterling per annum which gave cover for loss of the vessel to the value of £9,000 sterling.

I now find that there are no engine spares available for sale but the following items are included with the vessel:-

One propeller  
One stem assembly complete  
One 'A' frame for new engine.

A photograph of the plan of the vessel is enclosed.

Should a Master Mariner such as Captain Frederic Jones accept the vessel, the Falkland Islands Government would have no interest in declaring the sea-worthiness of the vessel. The matter would be one for the purchaser to determine and to arrange with his own insurers.

Yours sincerely,

(W.H. THOMPSON)  
COLONIAL SECRETARY.

Senor E. Lauz,  
Montevideo.

c.c. Captain F. Jones, Stanley.

Encl:

c.c. Customs Officer, Stanley. - Please arrange for William Bowles to give you two photographic copies of the plan you hold. Debit to the Secretariat.

Envelope addressed c/o Maclean & Stapledon with the following enclosures -

Please ask Sr. Lauz to collect. His telephone number is in the telephone guide of Montevideo under his name and he can also be contacted at the Yacht Club.

W.H.T.



Montevideo, 17 de Mayo de 1968.

Honorable Señor

W.H. Thompson,

Secretario Colonial

Presente.

De mi mayor consideración:

Recibí su carta del 7 de Mayo del corriente año, enterándome sobre fuerza de motores, eslora y manga de la M.V. "Philomel" como también capacidad cúbica de bodega; desearía mas detalles como un inventario general que le quedaré muy agradecido lo haga a la brevedad posible.

Mi oferta por la "Philomel" es de £ 1.300 la que mantengo en principios.

Espero que cualquier otra objección de su parte me la comuniqué para que yo lo conteste por el próximo correo la forma de cerrar el negocio.

Le agradezco me envíe precios de los repuestos con que cuenta esa embarcación para ser agregado al precio de compra.

De ser posible pudiendo dejar mis asuntos al día, estaré por ahí en el próximo viaje.

Saludo a Ud. muy atentamente

Eugenio Lauz

A handwritten signature in cursive script, which appears to read "Eugenio Lauz". The signature is written over a horizontal line.

See 620

27th May

68

Dear Sir,

619

Thank you for your letter dated 17th May 1968 concerning the sale of the vessel WILSON.

I am placing your offer before my Government and I will write by the next mail giving you a definite reply.

I am most obliged for your interest in this matter.

Yours faithfully,

(W. H. THOMPSON)  
COLONIAL SECRETARY

Senor E. Lauz,  
MONTEVIDEO

Copy to: Capt. Jones

0664/V

10th June,

68.

Harbour Master.

Colonial Secretary.

Disposal of M.V. "Philomel".

Government has just turned down an offer of £1,300 for "Philomel".  
Please discuss with me the future of the vessel. 9:30 a.m. on Tuesday  
the 9th July, please.

(W.H. THOMPSON)  
COLONIAL SECRETARY.

(mail?)

0664/V

10th June, 68.

Dear Sir,

I have now been able to consult my Government concerning your offer of £1,500 sterling for the vessel M.V. "Philomel" lying in Stanley.

I regret to say that the Government is not willing to sell for such a small sum of money.

Yours faithfully,

(W.H. THOMPSON)  
COLONIAL SECRETARY.

Senor W. Lauz,  
Montevideo.

c.c. Captain F. Jones.  
SC

By 19.7.68. 62

18th July,

68.

Harbour Master

The Colonial Secretary.

c.c. Master, M.V. "Forrest"

I made the following notes at our meeting on the 17th July.

New Lifeboat.

This life boat was insisted upon by the Board of Trade who would not licence "Forrest" for an overseas voyage unless we had it. We would not have ordered it unless we had been forced to do so. We will make as much use of it as we can and, of course, on any overseas voyage it must be carried.

Bailers.

Mr. Sallis carries out regular inspections of his bailer which is a bucket carried in the ship's boat. The bucket is not tied into the boat because with the shifting of cargo and the heavy work of the boat it would be broken. Mr. Sallis has noted that a bucket or other adequate bailer must always be carried.

M.V. "Philomel".

We do not know what to do with the vessel and we feel that members of the Legislature who refused to sell her recently should be asked to look it over and offer their advice.

South Georgia Motor Boat.

This to be investigated.

(W.H. THOMPSON)  
COLONIAL SECRETARY

S. 8. 68

BU 26.7.68 (m) (621)

624

No. 0664/v

It is requested that, in any reference to this memorandum the above number and date should be quoted.

MEMORANDUM

26th July, 1968.

From: Harbour Master,

To: The Colonial Secretary,

Stanley, Falkland Islands.

STANLEY.

*S*  
*28/7*

SUBJECT :- Sale of m.v. 'Philomel'

I forward herewith an offer received from Mr. F. Jones to purchase m.v. 'Philomel'

*[Signature]*  
Harbour Master

6240  
R.M.S. Darwin,  
25.7.68.-

The Harbour Master,  
Stanley.

Dear Sir,

I beg to offer you the sum of £1600 to buy the  
Philomel, as and where she is at present.

Yours faithfully,

*Charles Jones*  
Mate.-

0661/V

31st July,

68.

Dear Sir,

Thank you for your offer of £1,600 for the 'Philomel'.

This will be put to the Standing Finance Committee of the Legislative Council at its next meeting.

Yours faithfully,

(W.H. THOMPSON)  
COLONIAL SECRETARY

F. Jones, Esq.,  
Mate,  
R.M.S. "Darwin".

c.c. Harbour Master.

6. 9. 68.

By S. F. V.  
RIV - 625

GOVERNMENT TELEGRAPH SERVICE

626

FALKLAND ISLANDS

**SENT**

P2538 P4776/32/401381 500 11/66 R Ward 843

Number	Office of Origin	Words	Handed in at	Date
	STANLEY			2.9.68
To				
	STAT JONES HATE DARWIN			HOA/S

Philomel offer accepted

Colsec

*reply 624*

*See 16. 9. 68.*

AA

627.

11th September, 00.

Harbour Master.

Colonial Secretary

Sale of M.V. "Philomel".

Mr F. Jones' tender for £1,800 has been accepted by the Standing Finance Committee and he has been so informed. If, and when, he makes payment, the vessel will be handed over to him in the condition advertised.

(W.H. THOMPSON)  
COLONIAL SECRETARY

SC

624



S. Darwin,  
Stanley.  
11.9.68.-

The Honourable The Colonial Secretary,  
Stanley.

Sir,

Thank you very much for having sent me a telegram "Philomel offer accepted".

Unfortunately I do have a financial problem and I beg of you to accept some form of deferred payment scheme or the possibility of making me a loan to cover part of the cost.

As security I could offer you say £600 in cash, a monthly allotment on my salary and the Philomel herself, fully insured.

I have the honour to be,

Sir,

Your obedient servant,

See 631

Acting Colonial Treasurer -

I see no reason why we should not accept the offer of £600 in cash and a monthly allotment on salary and the 'Philomel' herself fully insured. Do you agree?

(W.H. THOMPSON)  
COLONIAL SECRETARY

16th September, 1968.

SC

630

S.S.

I suggest that we refer to S. J. A. for a loan for two Jones at the next meeting. Interest 6%?

Two Jones is under the impression that he has obtained the 'Philomel' for £1000. S. J. A. agreed to the sale at £1800. I suggest that two Jones be informed that the figure is £1800 not £1000.

16.9.68.

18th September, 68.

Dear Sir,

628

Thank you for your letter of the 11th September concerning payment for the N.V. "Philomel".

I have just discovered that due to an unfortunate mistake the price at which the Standing Finance Committee of the Legislature agreed to sell was £1,800 and not the one of £1,600 offered by you.

This was due to my own error and I shall take the matter up again with the Standing Finance Committee at the forthcoming meeting in early October and if they agree to sell at your offer price of £1,600 I will request them to make you a loan of £1,000 at the same time.

Yours faithfully,

(W.H. THOMPSON)  
COLONIAL SECRETARY

F. Jones, Esq.,  
Mate,  
R.M.S. "Darwin",  
c.c. Acting Col. Treas.  
SC

By: 8.10.68  
(over for SEC)



632

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The Mate,  
R.M.S. DARWIN.  
18th. September 1968

The Honourable The Colonial Secretary,  
Stanley.

W1  
27/9

Sir,

631

Thank you for your letter of the 18th September concerning payment for m.v. "Philomel".

I note that there has been a misunderstanding and that the price may be £1800; which figure I would accept, though I do hope it will prove possible for me to receive the mentioned loan of £1000.

At the time of a voyage to Punta Arenas in the Forrest there was talk of a seller's commission of £50. Is there any such intention at present?

I have the honour to be,

Sir,

Your obedient Servant,

*Archie Jones*

See 633

27th September

68

Dear Sir,

632

Thank you for your letter of 15th September 1968.

The matter will be put to the Standing Finance Committee of the Legislature in mid October.

Yours faithfully,

(W. H. THOMPSON)  
COLONIAL SECRETARY

Mr. F. Jones,  
Mate,  
R.M.S. DARWIN

Copies to ACT - for SFC Agenda  
HM  
(both to see 632 on file)

FA

22.  
By 28.10.68

COPY

634

Ref: 0564/V

Colonial Secretary's Office,  
Stanley, Falkland Islands.

22nd October 1968

Dear Sir,

I confirm our recent conversation concerning the sale of M.V. PHILONEL.

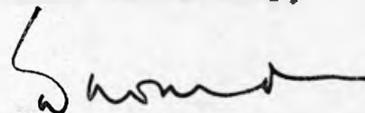
The vessel will be delivered to you at the East Jetty on payment of the sum of £600 (six hundred pounds); thereafter repayment will be made at a minimum of £25 (twenty-five pounds) per month with interest at the rate of six per cent per annum payable on the unpaid balance.

The vessel, plus an insurance policy upon it to the minimum value of £1,500, the full purchase price, to be security. You will arrange to deposit the policy with Government as soon as possible.

May I please have your agreement to these terms in writing within seven days?

A full agreement will be drawn up for your signature as soon as possible.

Yours faithfully,



(W. H. THOMPSON)  
COLONIAL SECRETARY

Mr F. Jones,  
R.M.S. DARWIN,  
STANLEY

Copies to: All Members of Legislative Council.  
Harbour Master  
Asst. Col. Sec.  
Asst. Col. Treasurer

Reply 635

FA

Bu 29.10.68



635

*File & has been  
S. into*

R.M.S. DARWIN,  
Stanley.  
23.10.68.-

The Honourable The Colonial Secretary,  
Stanley.

Sir,

634

I beg to acknowledge receipt of your letter, reference 0664/V of the 22nd instant and express my entire acquiescence.

The £600 mentioned was paid yesterday.

Arrangements have been made to insure the vessel against total loss for £5000 but it may be some time before I will be able to give you details.

I have the honour to be,

Sir,

Your obedient servant,

*Fred Jones*  
F. Jones

*[Signature]* 30/10/68

A.C.S.

Sale of "Philomel" to Mr F. Jones.

Please see folio 634 and 635 and arrange to have the usual agreement drawn up and signed as soon as possible.



(W.H. THOMPSON)  
COLONIAL SECRETARY

31st October, 1968.

0664

SC

637

RASC.

The agreement we have to finance housing loans does not lend itself to this case, which is, I suppose, a hire-purchase agreement. Can you draw up a suitable mortgage or H.P. agreement which would cover us?  
The loan is £1200 at 6% repayable in monthly instalments of £25

The vessel would be required to run an insurance coverage of at least £1800 until the loan is discharged.

She would be required to be maintained in a fair state of repair & made available to inspection at all reasonable times.

Not removed from our waters without complete discharge of the debt + no parts removed.

1.11.68.

638

Col. Sec.,  
Attached draft Agreement  
submitted, pl.

D.P.B.  
4. XI. 68.

C.I.

639.

Amendment for?

640.

11. 11. 68

C.I.

No, thank you.

L.G.

12/11/68

641.

s/c

R. obtain Officers number from HM.  
Have Agreement prepared for signature of  
Jones or his return from Camp on Thursday.

12. 11. 68

642.

A.C.S.

The "Pulomel" has never been registered and, therefore,  
has no parts of registry nor official number. \*1 on the  
draft will have to be deleted?

643.

12. 11. 68.

Agreed

12/11/68

AN AGREEMENT made the <sup>14<sup>th</sup></sup> day of November, 1968,  
 BETWEEN the Government of the Falkland Islands (hereinafter  
 called the vendor) of the one part and Frederick Jones  
 (hereinafter called the purchaser) of the other part.

WHEREBY IT IS MUTUALLY AGREED that the vendor shall  
 sell and the purchaser shall purchase the ship "Philomel"  
 subject to the conditions and terms hereunder set out for  
 the sum of £1,800 sterling of which sum £600 has been paid  
 by way of deposit as the vendor hereby acknowledges.

1. The balance of the purchase money shall be paid by  
 monthly instalments of not less than £25 per month commencing  
 on the <sup>1<sup>st</sup></sup> day of December 1968, with interest at  
 the rate of 6 per cent. per annum on the unpaid balance.

2. The purchaser shall forthwith insure the ship  
 against total loss for an amount not being less than £1,800  
 and shall deposit the insurance policy with the vendor.

3. The vendor has delivered the vessel to the  
 purchaser at the East Jetty, Stanley, Falkland Islands.

4. The purchaser shall not take the ship out of the  
 territorial waters of the Colony until the final instalment  
 and all interest due has been paid.

5. The purchaser shall maintain the ship in a fair  
 state of repair.

6. Should the balance of the purchase money not be  
 paid as herein stipulated the ship may be sold by public  
 or private sale and all loss and expenses arising from the  
 re-sale shall be borne by the present purchaser. The moneys  
 realised by such sale shall be applied towards the satis-  
 faction of the outstanding balance due and owing thereon.  
 Any balance from the sale of the said ship being left in the  
 hands of the vendor after all moneys owing and due to the  
 vendor have been fully satisfied shall be paid to the  
 present purchaser.

7. On tender of the balance of the purchase money a  
 legal bill of sale shall forthwith be executed by the vendor.

IN WITNESS whereof the said parties have hereunto set  
 their hands the day and year first above written.

[Signature]  
 Colonial Secretary, for  
 and on behalf of the  
 Government.

[Signature]  
 Purchaser.

In the presence of:

[Signature]  
 Witness.

645

C.T.;

Pl. withdraw copies of the Agreement (f. 644) from b.c.

  
for C.S.  
14.11.68

✓ L.G.  
14/11/68

Pa

The Falkland Islands Company, Limited.

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INCORPORATED BY ROYAL CHARTER 1851



AGENTS FOR LLOYDS

Stanley.

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TELEGRAMS: TELETYPE: TELEPHONE: VIA RADIO

21ST FEBRUARY,

1969.

THE COLONIAL SECRETARY,  
THE SECRETARIAT,  
STANLEY.

/BOB.

DEAR SIR,

THIS IS TO CONFIRM THAT M/V 'PHILOMEL' IS INSURED.

THIS LETTER IS BEING WRITTEN AT THE REQUEST OF  
MR. F. JONES.

YOURS FAITHFULLY,

*Bob Barnes.*

FOR MANAGER.

*Bob*

A.C.S.

— I.a.w. clause 2 of the Rate Agreement at p. 644,  
we (?C.T.) holds the insurance policy? Above letter  
does not seem to indicate so.

C.T. Can you confirm if the policy is held by you?

A.C.S., No. 29. 19/2/69.

18/9/69

*JH/14/7*

No. 34

It is requested that, in any reference to this memorandum the above number and date should be quoted.



6047

12th November, 19 69.

To: The Colonial Secretary,

From: Colonial Treasurer,

Stanley.

Stanley, Falkland Islands.

SUBJECT :-

Sale of m.v. "Philomel"

Please note that the undermentioned amounts have been received from Mr. F. Jones in liquidation of his indebtedness to the Falkland Islands Government.

R.V. 22988	of	29/10/68	600.	-.	-.
R.V. 23782	of	6/3/69	100.	-.	-.
R.V. 24205	of	29/5/69	100.	-.	-.
R.V. 24751	of	23/9/69	673.	12.	6.
R.V. 24973	of	7/11/69	386.	2.	7.

£1,859. 15. 1.

Purchase Price  
Interest at 6% on unpaid balance

1,800. - . - .  
59. 15. 1.

£1,859. 15. 1.

The bill of sale may now be issued - see Condition 7 of the Agreement.

HTP/KMc.

COLONIAL TREASURER

S/c

I think C.T. recently reported that  
647  
Mr. Jones had completed the purchase of  
M.V. Philomel. This should be recorded in  
this file + a bill of sale prepared -  
See Clause 7 of p. 644. RSC may be able to  
advise

18-11-69

R.S.C.,

649

Re. see A.C.S.'s minutes above.

Can you advise pl?

§ of col. Sec.

3. i. 70.

Col. Sec.,

650

When I drafted 644 I believed  
"Philomel" to be a registered ship, but  
apparently this is not so.

2. The "Philomel" never ~~was~~ <sup>has been</sup> exempt  
from registry. (see 3 of the M.S.A. 1894).
3. Section 24 of the Act of 1894 provides  
that a registered ship shall be transferred  
by a bill of sale, but this section does not  
apply to a ship which, though required to  
be registered has in fact not been registered.
4. If a ship required by the Act of 1894  
to be registered is not registered she is not  
recognised as a British ship.
5. A bill of sale is not now required to  
satisfy the provisions of the Merchant Shipping  
Acts.
6. Some form of transfer of ownership such  
as a receipt will suffice.

J.P.B.

5. i. 70.

651

15th January 70

Dear Sir,

This is to confirm that the full purchase price of £1,800 on the sale of m.v. PHILOMEL together with the required interest payment of £59. 15. 1d has now been fully discharged and you are accordingly released from the terms of the Agreement signed by yourself and the Government representative on 14th November 1968.

644

Yours faithfully,

(H.L. Bound)  
for COLONIAL SECRETARY

Mr F. Jones,  
c/o R.M.S. Darwin,  
at STANLEY

C.T.  
Haskon Masles

For information, pl

FA

L.G.  
16/1/70  
16-1-70

§  
c.s.  
15.1.70  
P  
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