

Acreement for the reduction of Rales between Europe, India, 4c, and Australia, and Guarantee).

Presented to Parliament pursuant to act 20 Vic no 41 Sec 6.

An Agreement dated the Thirty-First day of March 1891 and made BETWEEN HER MOST GRACIOUS MAJESTY THE QUEEN of the one part and THE EASTERN EXTENSION AUSTRALASIA and CHINA TELEGRAPH COMPANY LIMITED (hereinafter called "The Extension Company") of the other part.

WHEREAS these presents are entered into on behalf of Her Majesty by the authority of the respective Governments of New South Wales Victoria Province of South Australia Western Australia and Tasmania (hereinafter referred to as the Contracting Colonies).

AND WHEREAS the telegraphic traffic of Australasia with other Countries is carried by the cables and telegraphic lines of the Extension Company in connection with lines belonging to the Indo-European Telegraph Department of Her Majesty's Indian Government The Eastern Telegraph Company Limited and the Indo-European Telegraph Company Limited and the lines and cables connected therewith (hereinafter called the Cis-Indian Administrations).

AND WHEREAS the terminal stations in Australia of the Extension Company's submarine cables are situated at Port Darwin in the Province of South Australia and Roebuck Bay in the Colony of Western Australia.

AND WHEREAS the transmission of telegraphic messages to and from the terminal stations in Australia (hereinafter referred to as the Australasian Traffic) is now charged for at the rates specified in the First Schedule hereto (hereinafter referred to as the "existing rates.")

AND WHEREAS the total receipts for the year 1889 of the Extension Company and the Cis-Indian Administrations in respect of the Australasian traffic under the existing rates after deducting out payments to other telegraphic administrations have for the purposes of this Agreement been agreed between the parties at the sum of £237,736 AND WHEREAS it has been proposed that the existing rates shall be reduced upon the terms and in consideration of the guarantee hereinafter contained.

NOW THESE PRESENTS WITNESS and it is hereby agreed and declared as follows:

- 1. THE Extension Company will from and after the First day of May 1891 transmit or procure the transmission of all telegraphic messages exchanged between the places mentioned in the Second Schedule hereto and South or Western Australia (except messages to or from Queensland or New Zealand) at the rates specified in the second Schedule hereto (hereinafter referred to as "the reduced rates").
- 2. THE Governments of the Colonies parties hereto will from and after the First day of May 1891 transmit or procure the transmission between the said terminal stations of the Company and other places in the Contracting Colonies of all telegraphic messages exchanged between the Australasian Colonies and other places at the rates specified in the third Schedule.
- 3. IF in any year while the reduced rates shall continue in force by virtue of these presents the total receipts of the Extension Company and the Cis-Indian Administrations in respect of the Australasian traffic after deducting all out-payments to other Telegraphic

- Administrations shall be less than the sum of £237,736 Her Majesty will cause to be paid to the Extension Company out of the Consolidated Revenue Funds of the Contracting Colonies a sum equal to half the amount by which such receipts shall be less than the said sum of £237,736.
- 4. ANY sum of money payable under Clause 3 hereof shall be paid to the Extension Company in London in sterling money free from all deductions within three calendar months from the close of each year.
- 5. IF there shall at any time in any year while the reduced rates continue in force by virtue of these presents be a total interruption of telegraphic communication between Australia and Europe arising otherwise than by reason of war or any such like cause which shall continue for more than one calendar month inclusive of the day on which the interruption shall begin a deduction of one 365th part of any sum payable under Clause 3 hereof in respect of such year shall be made for every day beyond the said month during which there shall be such total interruption inclusive of the day on which it ceases. Provided always that if such interruption shall arise by reason of war or any such like cause no such deduction shall be made but the Extension Company. will restore or procure the restoration of such communication with all possible dispatch the costs of so doing being in such case borne by Her Majesty.
- 6. WHILE the reduced rates continue in force by virtue of these presents the provisions contained in the 4th Article of a certain Agreement dated the 6th day of May 1879 and made between Her Most

Gracious Majesty the Queen (on behalf of the Colonies of New South Wales and Victoria) of the one part and the Extension Company of the other part as to the rates to be charged by the Extension Company shall be suspended and notwithstanding such Article the Extension Company shall not be bound to make any rebate or allowance in respect of Government messages or press messages except as herein expressly provided.

- 7. THE words "Government Messages" and "Press Messages" in these presents shall have the same meaning as they have under Articles 5 and 6 of the said Agreement of the 6th day of May, 1879 and all existing rules with regard to such messages and any modification which may be made therein shall apply to such messages respectively under the reduced rates.
- 8. THE reduced rates shall continue in force until the expiration of a Notice given in manner next hereinafter mentioned. The said notice shall be not less than two Calendar months' notice in writing expiring either on the Thirtieth day of April 1892 or on the Thirtieth day of April of any subsequent year and may be given either by the Extension Company to the Agent General of South Australia on behalf of the Colonies parties hereto by leaving the Notice at the office in London of such Agent General or by such Agent General to the Company by leaving such notice at the office of the Extension Company in London.
- 9. IMMEDIATELY upon the expiration of any notice given in accordance with Clause 8 hereof the

existing rates for the Australasian traffic shall again come into operation provided that the rate to and from Europe shall not exceed eight shillings unless a higher rate shall be required to make up the receipts from the Australasian traffic to the sum of £237,736.

10. THE Extension Company will not during the continuance of this Agreement directly or indirectly in any manner howsoever alter the rates specified in the third Schedule hereto without the consent in writing of the Contracting Colonies.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF SIR ARTHUR BLYTH K.C.M.G. C.B. the Agent-General for South Australia duly authorised to execute these presents on behalf of Her Most Gracious Majesty the Queen hath hereunto set his hand and Seal and the Common Seal of THE EASTERN EXTENSION AUSTRALASIA & CHINA TELEGRAPH COMPANY LIMITED hath been hereunto affixed the day and year first above written.

Signed sealed and delivered by Sir
ARTHUR BLYTH on behalf of Her
Most Gracious Majesty the Queen
in the presence of

SAM^L DEERING,
Assistant Agent-General for
South Australia.

The Common Seal of The Eastern
Extension Australasia & China
Telegraph Company Limited was
hereunto affixed in the presence
of

ARTHUR BLYTH,

Agent-General for

South Australia.



The
Common Seal
of The Eastern
Extension Australian
and China Telegraph
Company
Limited.

J. DENISON PENDER, Director. W. R. LYNE, Assistant Secretary.

SCHEDULE OF THE EXISTING RATES FOR TELEGRAMS

					NET	AUSTRALIAN RA	TE.
					Cis-Indian Joint Purse.	Extension Company.	Total.
Europe—Ordinary, via Suez	or via	Teher	ran		81. 25c.	51. 60c.	ef. 85
					2e. 9d.	4s. 6d.	7s. Se
Government					3f. 25c.	2f. 80c.	61. 05
					2s. 9d.	2n. 3d.	58. 0
Press			• •		1f. 075c.	1f. 40c. 1s. 1dd.	2f. 47 2s. 0
Adon					10 d. 2f. 85c.	7f. 00o.	9f. 85
Aden		* *	***	* *	2s. 5d.	5s. 10d.	Ba. 3
Suakin					3f. 00c.	5f. 60c.	8f. 60
					2s, 6d,	4s. 8d.	78. 2
Egypt					3f. 75c.	51. 60c.	91. 85
					3s. 2d.	4s. 8d.	7a. 10
Persian Gulf		1.0			1f. 45°c.	7f. 00c.	8f. 45
					10. 2d.	5s. 11d.	7s. 1
Donata					1f. 09c.	7f. 00c.	8f. 00
Persia		1.1			10d.	50. 11d.	64. 9
India					200.	7f. 00a.	71. 00
allula						5s. 10ad.	5в. 10
Penang						5f. 00c.	5f. 00
						4s. 24d.	49. 2
Malaeca						5f. 00c.	5f. 00
						4s. 24d.	48. 2
Bingapore						5f. 00c.	5f. 00
					TO THE O	4s. 24d	Au. 2
Hongkong and beyond						8f. 00c.	8f. 00
						68. 84d,	6s. 8
Macao			4.1			8f. 50c.	8f. 50 7s. 1
						fu. 15tt.	10. 1
Manila						10f. 00a.	10f. 00
						8s. 1d.	Bs. 4
						6f. 35c.	6f. 35
Cochin China				**		in. 2d.	bв. 2
Tonquin						6f. 35c.	6f. 85
Tonquin		15				5s. 2d.	5s. 2
Java						3f. 50c.	31. 50
						2a, 104d.	2s. 10
Durana via Manlmain					4f. 175c.	5f. 60e.	9f. 77
Europe via Moulmein							
					3s. 6d.	48. 8d.	8a, 2
via Hongkong						5f. 60c.	51. 60
						4s. 8d.	. 4s. 8
via Turkey			**	- * *	1f. 89c.	51. 60c.	6f, 99
					18. 23.	4s, 6d.	1 5s. F

EXCHANGED WITH SOUTH AND WESTERN AUSTRALIA.

	OUTPATMENTS.								
Europe.	India.	Java.	Australia.	Total,	Total Rate.				
25¢.	75c.	15a.	1f. 40c.	21. 55c.	11f. 40c.				
2d.	7 <u>1</u> d.	13d.	1s. 2d.	2s. 1d.	9s. 4d.				
25c.	75c.	15c.	1f. 40c.	2f. 55c.	8f. 60c.				
2d.	7 dd.	1 ½ d.	1s, 2d,	2s. 1d.	7s. 1d.				
05c.	24c.	04c.	42c.	75c.	8f. 22°c.				
01d.	3d.	Old.	4d.	84.	28. 8d.				
	756.	15c.	1f. 40c.	2f. 30c.	12f. 15e.				
	7 d. 75c.	1 d. 15c.	ls. 2d. 1f. 40c.	1s. 11d. 2f. 80c.	10a, 2d.				
	7.jd.	1 d.	la, 2d.	1s. 11d.	10f, 90c. 9s. 1d.				
	75c.	150.	1f. 40c.	2f. 80c.	11f. 65c.				
	7 td.	1 d.	1s. 2d.	ls. 11d.	9s. 9d.				
	75c.	15c.	1t. 40c.	2f. 30c.	10f. 756c.				
	74d.	1 ¼d.	1s. 2d.	1s. 11d.	9s. Od.				
Регвіа,			Trans.						
1f. 55c.	75c.	150.	11. 40c,	3f. 85c.	11f. 94c.				
1s. 3d.	7 d.	1 jd.	1s. 2d.	3s. 2d.	9s. 11d.				
	800.	150.	1f. 40c.	2f. 35c,	9f. 85c.				
	ed.	1 ½ d.	1s. 2d.	ls. 111d.	7s. 10d.				
		15c.	1f, 40c.	11. 55c.	6f. 55a. 5s. 6d,				
		15d. 15o.	1s. 2d. 1t. 40c.	1s. 3 d.	6f. 550.				
		1 d.	1g. 2d.	1s. 84d.	5s. 6d.				
		15c.	1f. 40c.	1f. 55c.	6f. 55c.				
		1 ½ d.	1s. 2d.	1s. 3jd,	5s. 6d.				
		15c.	1f. 40c.	1f. 55e.	9f. 55c.				
		14d.	1s. 2d.	1s. 33d.	8u. 0d.				
		15c.	1f. 40c.	1f. 55c.	10f. 05a.				
		1 / d.	1s. 2d.	1s. 3 d.	8s. 5d.				
	Spain.			44 00	111 00				
	25c.	15c.	1f. 40c.	1f. 80c.	11f. 80c. 9s. 10d.				
	2 dd.	1 ½ d.	1s. 2d.	1s. 6d.	./s. 10u.				
	Cochin China.	15c.	1f. 40c.	1f. 70c.	8f. 03c.				
	1 d	13d.	1a. 2d.	1s. 5d.	6s. 7d.				
	1f. 55c.	15c.	11. 40c.	3f. 10c.	9f. 45c.				
THE RESERVE	1a. 34d.	14d.	1s. 2d.	2s. 7d.	7s. 9d.				
		15c.	1f. 40c.	1f. 55c.	5f. 05c.				
E 19 115 1		14d.	1e. 2d.	15. 34d.	4s. 2d.				
	Cochin China,								
Europe.	Siam and India.	17.	14 40-	of col-	13f. 40c.				
25c.	1f. 826c.	150.	1f. 40c. 1s. 2d.	8f. 62*c.	11s. 2d,				
Northern Co.	1s. 6d.	1 ½ d.	Ir. pu.	OSI OSI					
8f. 50c.		15c.	1f. 40c.	10f. 05c.	15f. 65c.				
7s. 1 d.		14d.	1s. 2d.	So, Joi.	138. 1d.				
Europe.	India.								
1f. 86c.	75c.	15c.	If. 40c.	4f. 16c.	11f. 15q.				
1a. 7d.	7141.	1 ½ d.	18. 20.	3 Gd	9 21.				

SCHEDULE OF REDUCED RATES FOR TELEGRAMS EXCLUSIVE OF MESSAGES TO AND

		NET AUSTRALIAN RATE To be credited to Guarantee.				
		Cie-Indian Joint Purse.	Extension Company.	Total,		
Europe-Ordinary, via Suez or via Tel	heran	3f. 25c. 2s. 7d.	50c. 5d.	8f. 75c.		
Government		31. 25c. 2s. 6d.	nil.	3f. 25b. 2s. 6d		
Press		1f. 075c.	42 ⁶ c. 4d.	1f. 50a. 1s. 24d.		
Aden		2f. 85c. 2s. 8d.	1f. 15o. 11d.	4f. 00c. 8s. 2d.		
Snakin		3f. 00c. 2s. 5d.	1f. 00c. 9d.	4f. 00c. 8a. 2d.		
Egypt		0.0 50-	50c. 5d.	4f. 00c. 8s. 2d.		
Persian Gulf		If. 45°c 18. 2d.	2f. 548c. 2s. Od.	4f. 00c. 8s. 2d.		
Persia		1f. 09c.	1f. 86c. 1s. Id.	2f. 45c. 2s. 0d.		
India		Tau.	3f. 775c. 3s. Od.	81. 775c. 8s. Od.		
Penang			8t. 75c. 8s. 0d.	8f. 75c. 8s. Od.		
Malaoca			3f. 75c. 8s. 0d.	8f. 750.		
Singapore			3f. 75c.	3f. 75a.		
Hongkong and beyond			3s. Od. 5f. 60c.	8s, Od. 51. 60c.		
Macao			4s. 6d. 6f. 10c. 4s. 11d.	6f. 10a. 4s. 11d.		
Manila			71. 60c. 6s. 1d.	71. 60c. 6s. 0d.		
Cochin China			4f. 20c.	4f. 20c.		
Tonquin			38. 4d. 4f. 20c.	9s. 4d. 4f. 20c.		
Java			38. 4d. 3f. 10c. 2s. 6d.	3s. 4d. 3f. 10c. 2s. fal.		
Europe via Moulmien		3f. 2550. 2s. 7d.	4f. 20c. 3s. 5d.	71. 45c. 68. Od.		
" via Hongkong			5f. 60c. 4s, 6d.	51. 60g. 4s. 6d.		
" via Turkey to Australia		1f. 39c.	50c. 5d.	1f. 89q. 1s. 6d.		
from Australia		15. 1d.	7d.	1s. 8d.		

SCHEDULE.

EXCHANGED WITH SOUTH AND WESTERN AUSTRALIA. FROM QUEENSLAND AND NEW ZEALAND,

		OUTPAYMENTS.			
Europe.	India.	Java.	Australia.	Total.	Total Rate,
25c.	35c.	15c.	50a	1f. 25c.	51. 00c.
2d.	3&d.	1 Ad.	5d.	1s. Od.	45. Od.
25c.	85c.	15a.	50c	1f. 25c.	4f. 50c.
2d.	31d.	1}d.	δd.	1s. Od.	8s. 6d.
050.	24c.	04c.	42c.	750.	2f. 25c.
Old.	2 jd.	Ojd,	4d.	7 d.	1s. 10d.
	85c.	15e.	50c.	1f. 00c.	5f. 00c.
	SAd.	1 d.	5d.	10d,	4s. Od.
	85a.	150.	50c.	1f. 00o.	5f. 00c.
	3 td.	1 <u>}</u> d.	5d.	10d.	4s. Od.
	35c.	15a.	50c.	1f. 00c.	5f. 00c.
	3 ½ d.	1 gd.	őd,	10d.	4s. 0d.
	850.	15c.	50c.	1f. 00c.	5f. 00c.
D	8jd.	1 d.	5d.	10d.	4s. 0d.
Persia,	950	150	500	04 55-	F4 00-
1f. 55c. Is. 2d.	35c.	15c.	50c. 5d.	2f. 55c. 2s. 0d.	51. 00c. 4s. 0d.
18, 211,	57 ^s c.	15c.	50c.	2s. 0d. 1f. 22 ⁵ c.	
	5.jd.	I dd.	5d,	1s. Od.	5f. 00c. 4s. 0d.
	7.4.0	15c.	50c.	65c.	4f. 40c.
		1d.	5d.	6d.	3g. 6d.
		15c.	50c.	65e.	4f. 40c.
		1d.	5d.	6d.	3s. 6d.
		15c.	50c.	65c.	4f. 40c.
		1d.	5d.	6d.	3s. 6d.
		15c.	50c.	65с.	6f. 25c.
		1d.	5d.	6d.	5a. Od.
		15c.	50c.	65c.	61. 75c.
		hd,	5d.	fid.	5a. 5d.
Spain.					
25c.	MAN STATE OF THE S	15c.	50a.	90c.	8f. 50c.
		l}d,	ād,	9d.	6 s. 9d.
	Cochin China.	25.	60.	00-	F4 00-
	15c.	15c.	50c.	80c. 8d,	5f. 00c. 4s. Od.
	làd.	15c.	50c.	2f. 20c.	
	1f. 55c. ls. 3 d.	130.	5d.	1s. 10d.	6f. 40c. 5s. 2d.
	164 17 31.	15c.	50c.	65c.	3f. 75c.
		1.1	5d.	6d.	34. Od.
	India, Siam and				
	Cochin China.	15-	50-	D4 446	100 000
25c.	21. 57 ⁸ c.	15c.	50c. 5d.	31. 475c.	10f. 92sc. 8s. 9d.
2d.	2s. 1d.	1d.	oq.	2s. 9d.	0s, 7u.
Northern Co. 8f. 50c.		15c.	50c.	9f. 15c.	14f. 75c.
6s. 10d.		1d.	5d.	78. 4d.	11s. 10d.
Europe.	India.				
1f. 86c.	Bōc.	15c.	50c.	21. 86c.	4f. 75c.
1s. 6d.	8 Jd.	144.	5d.	25. 4d.	3s. 10d.
1s. 6d.	344.	1 d.	54.	2s, 1d.	4s. Od.
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THE THIRD SCHEDULE.

SCHEDULE of Rates on TELEGRAMS exchanged between Europe and the Australasian Colonias, other than South and West Australia.

other than South and West Australia.										
	South and West Australia	Victoria.	New South Wales.	Eastern Extension Cable.	New Zealand.	Queens- land.	Tasmania.	Rate from Port Parwin or Rochuck Bay.	TOTAL.	
SOUTH AND WEST AUSTRALIA	a. d.	s. d.	e. d.	s. d.	z. d.	s. d.	s. d.	s. d.	e, d.	
Europe-Ordinary (viá Suez or Teheren)	0 5			A 3			- • •	8 7	4 0	
Government	0 5					• •		3 1	3 6	
Ртевз	0 4							1 6	1 10	
VICTORIA.										
Europe Ordinary (vid Suez or Teheran)	0 5	0 1						3 7	4 1	
Government	0 5	0 1	= 1.					3 1	3 7	
Press	0 4	0 1						1 6	1 11	
NEW SOUTH WALES										
Europe-Ordinary (vid Suez or Teheran)	0 5		0 2				E	8 7	4 2	
Government			0 2					3 1	3 8	
Press	0 4		0 1			**		1 6	1 11	
			1.64							
TASMANIA.				0 6	MAR		0 1	3 7	4 8	
Europe—Ordinary (vid Suez or Teheran)	0 5	0 1					Pi-P			
Government	0 5	0 1	••	0 6	••		0 1	3 1 1 6	2 6	
Press ₁	0 4	0 1		0 6	• •		0 1	1 6	2 0	
NEW ZEALAND.						-			mito.	
Europe—Ordinary (viii Suez or Teheran	1 1		0 1	1 0	0 2			8 2	10 6	
Government			0 1	1 0	0 2			8 2	10 6	
Press			0 1	0 8	0 2			2 4	8 2	
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QUEENSLAND.			0.0		- II is	0 3		8 2	9 9	
Europe—Ordinary (viù Suez or Teheran)		0 3							
Government			0 3			0 8		8 2	9 9 2 10	
Press	. 0 4	••	0 1			0 1	1	2 4	2 10	
	1160				SUM			Dates.		

The Rates for Telegrams exchanged with the other places mentioned in Schedules 1 and 2 will be increased in the same ratio as Telegrams exchanged with Europe.

HER MAJESTY THE QUEEN

AND

THE EASTERN EXTENSION

AUSTRALASIA & CHINA TELEGRAPH

COMPANY, LIMITED.

Agreement

For the Reduction of Rates between Europe, India, &c., and Australia and Guarantee.

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