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REVISED

RULES AND REGULATIONS AND SCALE OF CHARGES

OF

ELECTRIC TELEGRAPH.

LAI D upon the COUNCIL TABLE by the COLONIAL SECRETARY, by Command of HIS EXCELLENCY THE LIEUTENANT GOVERNOR, and ordered by the COUNCIL to be printed, 30th January, 1855.

REVISED REGULATIONS AND SCALE OF CHARGES FOR THE TRANSMISSION OF TELEGRAPHIC MESSAGES.—TO TAKE EFFECT FROM THE 1ST DAY OF DECEMBER INSTANT.

- 1. No charge will be made for the date, address, or signature to any Message.
2. Messages must be written with Ink, in a clear and legible manner, and bear a proper date, address, and genuine signature.
3. Messages will be delivered, free of charge, within one mile of the Office; over that distance portorage will be charged; and on Messages to be delivered on shipboard an extra charge to cover boat expenses will be made.
4. Messages will be transmitted in the order of their reception, and no precedence will be allowed in transmission, except for Government Despatches, the Police Service, and in cases of sickness or of death.
5. All messages will be held strictly confidential.
6. Payment of charges in advance will be required, except for replies to interrogatory Messages on which may have been written the words "Reply paid for."
7. To lessen as much as possible any liability to error in the transmission of Messages from defective manuscript, it is desirable that the use of figures should be avoided, and that words at length be substituted; and the public, in using the Electric Telegraph, are requested to be particular in giving a full and correct address to every Message, so that no delay in delivery may occur.

SCALE OF CHARGES.

For any distance under Ten Miles, One shilling and sixpence for the first ten words, and one penny for each additional word.

Over ten and under Twenty Miles, Two shillings for the first ten words, and two pence for each additional word.

Over twenty and under Fifty Miles, Four shillings for the first ten words, and three pence for each additional word.

Over fifty and under One Hundred Miles, Six shillings for the first ten words, and four pence for each additional word.

Illustrative Table, shewing the prospective rates for the transmission of Telegraphic Messages according to the accompanying Scale of Charges.

Table with 4 columns: From, To, First ten words, Each additional word. Rows include Melbourne to Sandridge, Williamstown, Geelong, Queenscliff, and vice versa.

The Offices will be kept open for the transaction of business by the public generally between the hours of 8.30 A.M. and 8 P.M.

(Signed)

SAML. W. MCGOWAN, Superintendent of the Electric Telegraph.

13th December, 1854.