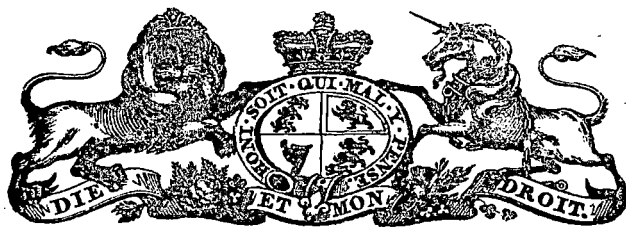


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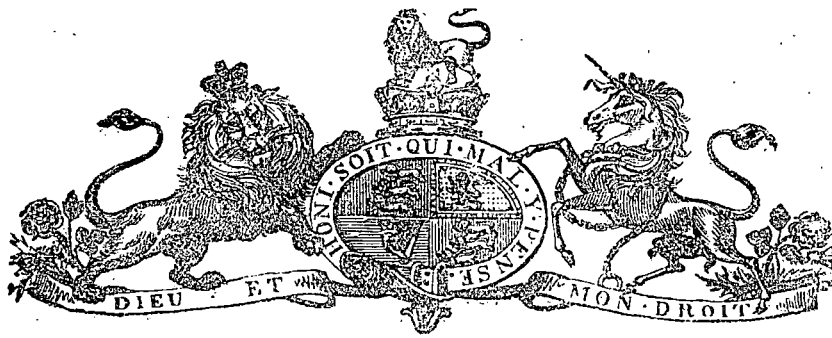
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LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL.

ELECTRIC TELEGRAPH.

REPORT FOR 1874.

Laid upon the Table by Mr. Chapman, and ordered by the Council to be printed,
July 27, 1875.



Electric Telegraph Department, 1st August, 1875.

SIR,

I HAVE the honor of forwarding herewith the Annual Telegraph Report for presentation to Parliament.

The results, which are again highly satisfactory, are concisely summarised hereunder:—

1. *Tasmanian Lines.*—The Report of 1874 showed an increase over 1873 of 3162 Telegrams and £156 5s. 6d. in Receipts. 1875 shows an increase on 1874 of 4910 Messages and £248 8s. 9d. in Receipts.
2. *Tasmanian Lines—Fees derived from Intercolonial Business.*—1874 showed an increase over 1873 of 1803 Telegrams and £111 5s. in Receipts. 1875 shows an increase on 1874 of 900 Telegrams and £61 16s. in Receipts.
3. *Intercolonial Business.*—1874 showed an increase on 1873 of 1803 Messages and £705 in Receipts. 1875 shows an increase on 1874 of 900 Telegrams and £357 11s. 4d. in Receipts.
4. *European Business.*—1875 shows an increase on 1874 of 9 Messages, but a decrease of £96 4s. 6d. in Receipts. This, however, cannot be regarded as a fair representation of the number of Telegrams transmitted: the greater proportion—probably in 1875 as many as 200—being sent as Intercolonial Messages through Telegraph Agencies in Melbourne.
5. *Messages “on Public Service only.”*—1875 shows a decrease on 1874 of 2213 Messages and £91 4s. 3d. in money value.
6. *Railway Telegraph Business.*—The business under this heading has been included in this year's Report in order to render the Return complete—amounting to 528 paid Messages,—yielding £28 10s. 3d. in Receipts, 56 Public Service Telegrams, value £3 17s. and 18,000 Railway Memos., value (say) £900. This information has been obligingly furnished by Mr. Lord, the Manager of the Line.
7. *Total Business.*—1874 showed an increase on 1873 of 5126 Messages (free and paid) and £913 7s. 9d. in Receipts. 1875 shows an increase of 6725 Messages (free and paid) and £574 15s. 3d. Money Receipts. It is right to state that, the “Coast Line” having been opened but a few weeks prior to the closing of these accounts, the receipts from that source represent but an insignificant portion of the amounts quoted.

The financial year of the Cable Company has now been altered to correspond with that of this Department,—terminating on 31st December; but, in order to enable comparative statements to be made, Returns are also furnished for the twelve months terminating on 30th April.

Great convenience continues to be felt from the 20-word restriction in “Public Service Messages;” and I do not hesitate to say that, if the numerous special exemptions claimed were allowed, the Lines could not carry the work, and Paid business must suffer, by detention, &c. to a most serious extent.

Paid business has steadily increased for over three years to a large extent, which shows that the improvement is of a solid and permanent kind. Presuming, therefore, that a similar increase will be shown in 1875-6, I desire to draw special attention to the urgent necessity existing for running a second wire through between Hobart Town and Launceston. Even at the present moment it is frequently almost impossible to get Telegrams transmitted on our Lines without serious delay, caused by the overcrowding of the wires. The actual number of Messages transmitted does not give a fair idea of the inconvenience attending their transmission: for it must be borne in mind that fully 50 per cent. of the Messages are presented for transmission during ordinary “business hours,” between 9 and 4; and, unless they can go forward with ordinary promptness during those hours, a large proportion of them become comparatively useless to both sender and receiver.

In a few weeks time we shall open some twelve or thirteen new Stations, which will contribute their Messages to "feed" the Main Line; and I do not see how we are to transact business without delays, and other irregularities, unless a second wire be erected.

A second Line should also be run on the Railway posts between Deloraine and Launceston, to prevent the serious inconvenience now experienced through Messages having to wait the prior transmission of Railway business.

I desire, again, to draw special attention to the injustice done to the Department by the irregular practice of making complaints *outside* the office in the first instance with regard to alleged irregularities in the transmission of Telegrams, a satisfactory explanation of which may be forthcoming at the office. In all cases the public will find immediate and courteous attention given to any complaints they may have to make; and, in common fairness, it is only right that the office should be applied to for such explanation before conclusions condemning the Department are precipitately arrived at. The Press would render us much service by declining to publish charges of these irregularities from "Correspondents" unless an assurance is given that explanation has been properly applied for from the Department. In a recent case of much public interest (I allude to the Telegram conveying news of the death of Captain Clinch) the Tasmanian Lines were, from causes such as I have mentioned, made to rest under most undeserved suspicion with regard to a serious delay on that Message; whereas, so far from being to blame, we pressed the transmitting Station for explanation regarding the delay immediately on receipt of the Message, and before its delivery to the receiver. I am bound to state, however, with regard to errors and delays on Intercolonial Telegrams, that we experience the greatest difficulty in obtaining prompt replies to "memos." requesting explanation. Days are sometimes allowed to elapse before the enquiry memo. is acknowledged and explanation given, although in nine cases out of ten it must pass through the hands of the very operator who made the blunder, and who could give the required explanation. I am at a loss to understand how these irregularities occur, unless these "memos." are sent on, or suspended, according to the caprice of the operators along the Line. Such "memos." should have precedence of all other business,—affecting, as they do, Messages clearly entitled to priority over business then being sent forward. Frequently, however, enquiries and complaints of a very frivolous kind are made, of which—with the over-crowded state of the Lines—we cannot, even when desirable, take immediate cognizance. For instance: it is a common thing for persons not receiving an immediate reply to their Telegrams to assume that "it cannot have been delivered," or that "the Line must be wrong;" and we are asked to make enquiries to this effect; and, as frequently, to forward enquiries which, however unintentionally so, are palpable evasions of the rates, and which cannot fairly be acceded to. With every desire to be courteous and obliging to those having business with the office, we cannot, of course, comply with such unreasonable requests, too frequently put as one of the "rights" of the questioners.

Since the publication of last year's Report, arrangements have been made, through the courtesy of the Cable Company's Manager, for the exchange of Intercolonial Meteorological Reports, which are now published daily at Hobart Town and Launceston.

In addition to our own Meteorological and Shipping Reports, published at 8:30 A.M., noon, and 4 P.M., Time Signal is transmitted to all the offices throughout the Colony at 1 P.M. daily.

The Lines have continued to work well during the year,—very few interruptions having taken place; and this, notwithstanding the disadvantage we have had to encounter in consequence of comparatively untrained operators having been appointed to the charge of three of the Stations on the Main Line. I believe, however, that these and other appointments will be found conducive to the efficient working of the Line.

The greater portion of the North-west Line is now in circuit. The Fingal and Sorell Lines are being rapidly pushed on to completion, and would have been in operation at this time but for a mistake made in London with regard to forwarding necessary materials for their construction.

A new code of Rules and Regulations for the working of the offices has been issued, from which great benefit in discipline has arisen. The Rules have been assimilated as far as practicable with those in force on the Victorian Lines, in order to preserve uniformity of system.

I have the honor to be,
Sir,

Your most obedient Servant,

F. A. PACKER, *Superintendent of Telegraphs.*

The Hon. the Colonial Treasurer.

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ELECTRIC TELEGRAPH—TASMANIA.

TASMANIAN, INTERCOLONIAL, AND CABLE LINES. *Vide* APPENDICES A. & B.*RETURN* showing the Amount of Fees paid on account of all Messages transmitted by the TELEGRAPH DEPARTMENT, including those on account of the Submarine Cable, from the 1st of May, 1874, to the 30th April, 1875, inclusive.

<i>Period.</i>	<i>Amount paid to Tasmania.</i>	<i>Amount paid to other Colonial and European Lines.</i>	<i>Amount paid to Submarine Cable Company.</i>	<i>Total Receipts.</i>	<i>Total No. of Messages.</i>
	£ s. d.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.	
1 May, 1874, to 30 April, 1875, inclusive	2077 11 11	1698 0 7	3045 10 0	6821 2 6	33,047
Value of "O.P.S.O." Government Messages				1552 4 2	
Value of Miscellaneous Free Business.—Shipping Reports, Railway Memos., Enquiries, Time Signals, &c.				1803 17 0	
Add number of Free Telegrams to Total Paid Messages				—	30,284
<i>Total Business of Department</i>				9177 3 8	63,331

TASMANIAN LINES ONLY. *Vide* APPENDIX A.*AMOUNT* paid into the Colonial Treasury, Tasmania, from the Telegraph Department, being the Total Receipts from all sources for the use of the Land Lines, for the Twelve Months ending 30th April, 1875; viz.—

For Messages by the Land Lines in Tasmania	£ 1388 8 9
Proportion due to Tasmania for Messages by the Land Lines in connection with the Submarine Cable.....	681 14 2
<i>Total Net Receipts</i>	£2070 2 11

* £71 12s. 1d. of this amount paid to Trustees of Longford Line.

CABLE BUSINESS ONLY. *Vide* APPENDIX B.*For the Twelve Months ending 30th April, 1875.*

Total Receipts	£4626 5s. 1d.
Number of Messages.....	10,844

GENERAL. *Vide* APPENDICES A. & B.

Total Receipts from all sources (exclusive of Free business)....	£6821 2s. 6d.
Total number of Messages (Paid and Free)	63,331

APPENDIX A.
TASMANIAN LINES.

STATEMENT showing the Business of all Telegraph Lines in Tasmania, from 1st May, 1874, to 30th April, 1875, inclusive, and being exclusive of the Submarine Cable Business for that period.

Month.	No. of Paid Messages.	Receipts.		
		£	s.	d.
May	1578	94	0	0
June	1500	88	7	2
July	1751	118	14	0
August	1572	109	1	4
September	1603	110	11	10
October	2050	132	17	6
November	1497	91	15	0
December	1775	104	19	10
January	2068	124	8	4
February	2237	135	6	1
March	2352	135	16	5
April	2148	142	11	3
	22,131	* £1388 8 9		

VALUE OF BUSINESS.				NUMBER OF MESSAGES.			
Receipts.	Free Telegrams.	Free Shipping Telegrams, Railway Memos. and Miscellaneous.	TOTAL.	Paid Telegrams.	Free Telegrams.	Shipping Telegrams, Railway Memos., Time Signals, and Miscellaneous.	TOTAL.
£ s. d.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.				
1388 8 9	1552 4 2	1803 17 0	4744 9 11	22,131	8228	22,056	52,415

* Subject to the usual payment to the District of Longford, being £71 12s. 1d. for this period.

LIST of Telegraph Stations in Tasmania.

1. Hobart Town (Chief Office).	13. Mount Nelson.	24. <i>Emu Bay.</i>
2. Launceston.	14. Port Arthur (by Semaphore and Telegraph).	25. <i>Table Cape.</i>
3. Low Head.	15. Hamilton.	26. <i>Circular Head.</i>
4. Longford.	16. Macquarie Plains.	27. <i>Richmond.</i>
5. Campbell Town.	17. George Town.	28. <i>Sorell.</i>
6. Ross.	18. <i>Ouse.</i>	29. <i>Buchland.</i>
7. Oatlands.	19. Latrobe.	30. <i>Spring Bay.</i>
8. Melton Mowbray.	20. Forth.	31. <i>Swanport.</i>
9. Bothwell.	21. Don.	32. <i>Swansea.</i>
10. Green Ponds.	22. Leven.	33. <i>Avoca.</i>
11. Brighton.	23. Torquay.	34. <i>Fingal.</i>
12. New Norfolk.		35. <i>St. Mary's.</i>
		36. <i>Falmouth.</i>

Stations printed in Italics are about being opened.

Launceston and Western Railway Stations.

37. Launceston.	39. Hagley.	41. Westbury.
38. Longford.	40. Perth.	42. Evandale.
		43. Deloraine.

	Miles.
Hobart Town to Launceston and Low Heads	161
Hobart Town to Mount Nelson	4
Green Ponds to Bothwell	21
Hobart Town to New Norfolk, Hamilton, and Ouse	56
Launceston to Longford	14
Launceston to Deloraine	45
Deloraine to Circular Head	115
Corners to Fingal	53
Pontville to Spring Bay	82
	551

APPENDIX B.

STATEMENT showing the Total Receipts from Messages transmitted by SUBMARINE CABLE from 1st May, 1874, to 30th April, 1875, inclusive.

DATE.	PAID ON ACCOUNT IN TASMANIA.					PAID ON ACCOUNT IN AUSTRALIA.					TOTAL NUMBER OF MESSAGES.	TOTAL RECEIPTS.
	No. of Mes-sages.	Total Receipts.	Land Lines in Tasmania.	Submarine Cable Co.	Land Lines in other Colonies.	No. of Mes-sages.	Total Receipts.	Land Lines in other Colonies.	Submarine Cable Co.	Land Lines in Tasmania.		
		£ s. d.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.		£ s. d.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.		£ s. d.
1874.												
May.....	328	159 6 7	23 18 7	105 0 0	30 8 0	397	149 14 1	31 7 1	96 10 0	21 17 0	725	309 0 8
June	388	195 16 8	29 4 3	127 18 2	38 14 3	458	167 14 3	36 3 0	108 1 0	23 10 3	846	363 10 11
July.....	366	191 14 3	28 13 4	126 3 0	36 17 11	471	165 16 11	35 19 5	105 16 0	24 1 6	837	357 11 2
August	325	167 10 10	24 17 8	110 13 4	31 19 10	438	152 2 10	31 2 1	99 2 0	21 18 9	763	319 13 8
September	442	220 10 5	33 0 5	147 12 10	39 17 2	539	203 12 4	41 16 0	131 10 8	30 5 8	981	424 2 9
October	355	195 18 0	29 2 10	131 8 0	35 7 2	566	202 8 6	41 10 7	131 0 0	29 17 11	921	398 6 6
November	323	182 8 9	27 0 7	123 2 0	32 6 2	429	134 14 10	26 12 2	88 11 0	19 11 8	752	317 3 7
December	371	195 6 5	29 6 7	130 9 6	35 10 4	454	158 8 10	32 10 9	102 7 0	23 11 1	825	353 15 3
1875.												
January	474	198 5 11	29 18 3	129 0 4	39 7 4	524	222 15 3	46 2 11	144 15 0	31 17 4	998	421 1 2
February	504	222 14 5	33 8 4	146 11 0	42 15 1	580	246 16 10	51 5 5	160 13 6	34 17 11	1084	469 11 3
March	453	228 12 0	34 10 1	148 15 0	45 6 11	656	233 6 1	50 17 10	148 9 0	33 19 3	1109	461 18 1
April	433	215 12 10	32 2 1	141 7 4	42 3 5	570	214 17 3	48 4 1	135 10 4	31 2 10	1003	430 10 1
	4762	2373 17 1	355 3 0	1568 0 6	450 13 7	6082	2252 8 0	473 11 4	1452 5 6	326 11 2	10,844	4626 5 1

Total paid to Submarine Cable Company	£ s. d.
Ditto Tasmanian Land Lines.....	3020 6 0
Ditto Land Lines in other Colonies	681 14 2
	924 4 11
	<u>£4626 5 1</u>

APPENDIX C.
SUBMARINE CABLE BUSINESS.

TOTAL RECEIPTS, &c., Comparative Statement since the opening of the Line in May, 1869, to 30th April, 1875.

	1869.		1870.		1871.		1872.		1873.		1874.		1875.	
	£	s. d. Messages.	£	s. d. Messages.	£	s. d. Messages.	£	s. d. Messages.	£	s. d. Messages.	£	s. d. Messages.	£	s. d. Messages.
January .....	..	..	343 5 4	39	387 9 7	898	372 10 4	829	392 19 0	918	410 3 10	979	421 1 2	998
February .....	..	..	312 18 3	673	356 5 2	803	347 2 10	835	427 13 6	975	393 6 10	937	469 11 3	1084
March .....	..	..	328 10 1	829	350 3 3	805	315 9 10	737	305 4 9	935	425 19 9	1036	461 18 1	1109
April .....	..	..	412 10 3	814	290 1 7	700	227 6 1	565	325 0 5	759	333 3 7	805	430 10 1	1003
May	198 2 11	327	429 17 9	976	273 15 7	670	231 4 4	553	397 7 8	915	309 0 8	725		
June	318 19 7	583	369 2 11	735	247 18 0	568	231 4 10	530	317 7 9	748	363 10 11	846		
July	330 2 7	594	360 14 10	740	253 13 9	582	242 14 6	545	325 10 10	714	357 11 2	837		
August	360 12 0	633	432 0 10	651	288 7 8	691	256 13 3	601	336 9 6	741	319 13 8	763		
September	340 19 4	638	381 18 8	754	245 2 5	612	222 7 7	524	354 10 2	770	424 2 9	981		
October	312 19 2	569	332 9 5	726	275 16 11	623	245 17 10	544	349 13 8	796	398 6 6	921		
November	341 14 9	609	322 15 1	700	210 17 2	492	245 9 9	551	281 15 0	681	317 3 7	752		
December	384 3 5	534	321 3 4	725	267 14 4	639	313 5 4	709	343 5 2	822	353 15 3	825		
	2587 13 9	4487	4347 6 9	9062	3447 15 5	8083	3251 6 6	7523	4156 17 5	9774	4405 18 6	10,407	1783 0 7	4194

RECAPITULATION.

Eight months of 1869	£	s. d.	Messages.
Twelve months ending 30th December, 1870..	4347	6 9	9062
Ditto 1871	3447	15 5	8083
Ditto 1872	3251	6 6	7523
Ditto 1873	4156	17 5	9774
Ditto 1874	4405	18 6	10,407
Four months of 1875	1783	0 7	4194
	<u>£23,979</u>	<u>18 11</u>	<u>53,530</u>

APPENDIX D.

TASMANIAN LINES.

COMPARATIVE Statement of Receipts, &c. for 1869, 1870, 1871, 1872, 1873, 1874, to 30th April, 1875.

	1869		1870		1871		1872		1873		1874		1875	
	Receipts.	No. of Paid Messages.	Receipts.	No. of Paid Messages.	Receipts.	No. of Paid Messages.	Receipts.	No. of Paid Messages.	Receipts.	No. of Paid Messages.	Receipts.	No. of Paid Messages.	Receipts.	No. of Paid Messages.
	£ s. d.		£ s. d.		£ s. d.		£ s. d.		£ s. d.		£ s. d.		£ s. d.	
January	62 5 11	297	61 4 5	937	70 15 6	987	86 3 6	1247	85 10 6	1281	133 7 0	2064	124 8 4	2068
February	51 1 0	343	57 16 0	727	92 0 3	1163	87 7 3	1280	101 11 4	1556	133 7 9	2048	135 6 1	2237
March	60 5 3	303	68 13 5	982	78 0 11	990	80 2 5	1082	121 3 0	1641	108 16 3	1749	135 16 5	2352
April	57 8 0	270	70 15 5	1002	61 2 6	844	72 2 3	1011	90 1 0	1405	97 12 11	1656	142 11 3	2148
May	48 12 11	283	97 14 0	1274	48 17 10	608	69 7 3	956	78 1 3	1279	94 0 0	1578		
June	48 13 10	560	69 17 6	1054	50 4 6	744	72 4 7	1013	83 10 6	1195	88 7 2	1500		
July	56 19 6	730	67 0 4	922	48 19 1	719	71 2 4	866	92 6 9	1116	118 14 0	1751		
August	50 7 9	632	77 19 6	968	54 8 0	771	68 15 4	946	68 0 2	1038	109 1 4	1572		
September	66 1 6	740	66 19 11	785	65 12 3	892	68 4 3	1044	73 15 7	1053	110 11 10	1603		
October	70 13 1	840	61 3 5	812	60 19 8	838	78 16 7	1070	94 15 4	1322	132 17 6	2030		
November	54 5 11	733	54 12 11	756	59 7 6	708	67 3 5	1015	85 1 6	1338	91 15 0	1497		
December	43 17 1	746	82 6 2	1135	73 17 4	946	89 14 11	1258	100 14 1	1561	104 19 10	1775		
	670 11 9	6477	836 3 0	11,354	764 5 4	10,210	911 4 1	12,797	974 11 0	15,785	1323 10 7	20,843	588 2 1	8805

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TASMANIAN LINES.

APPENDIX E.

COMPARATIVE Statement of the Tasmanian proportion of Receipts derived from Submarine Cable Telegrams, from 1st May, 1869, to 30th April, 1875.

	1869		1870		1871		1872		1873		1874		1875	
	Messages.	Receipts.	Messages.	Receipts.	Messages.	Receipts.	Messages.	Receipts.	Messages.	Receipts.	Messages.	Receipts.	Messages.	Receipts.
		£ s. d.		£ s. d.		£ s. d.		£ s. d.		£ s. d.		£ s. d.		£ s. d.
January	—	—	739	48 7 6	898	57 18 1	829	55 10 11	918	57 11 7	979	60 6 7	998	61 15 7
February	—	—	673	45 0 4	803	54 7 3	835	25 6 3	975	61 8 10	937	58 9 4	1084	68 6 3
March	—	—	829	55 0 3	805	52 0 1	737	46 3 2	935	59 10 8	1036	62 18 11	1109	68 9 4
April	—	—	814	57 12 11½	700	44 8 7	565	33 0 1	759	47 2 4	805	49 15 3	1003	63 4 11
May	327	43 15 11	976	64 4 6	670	41 12 3	553	33 2 8	915	58 12 6	725	45 15 7		
June	583	39 13 8	735	52 8 1	568	35 19 11	530	32 15 10	748	45 19 5	846	52 14 6		
July	594	39 3 5	740	53 1 3	582	37 15 9	545	33 13 4	714	46 7 4	837	52 14 10		
August	633	43 17 1	651	66 6 8	691	42 12 1	601	37 11 7	741	47 11 6	763	46 16 5		
September	638	41 10 1	754	54 14 8	612	37 0 3	524	32 14 2	770	49 1 3	981	63 6 1		
October	569	38 5 7	726	50 12 6	623	40 4 9	544	33 16 8	796	48 14 4	921	59 0 9		
November	609	40 13 6	700	48 15 2	492	32 1 0	551	34 10 11	681	41 4 3	752	36 12 3		
December	534	34 4 11	725	48 11 11	639	49 16 8	709	43 7 1	822	50 17 9	825	52 17 8		
	4487	321 4 2	9062	644 15 9½	8083	516 16 8	7523	441 12 8	9774	614 1 9	10,407	231 5 1	4194	261 16 1

ELECTRIC TELEGRAPH.

APPENDIX F.

RETURN showing the Number of MESSAGES transmitted by the ELECTRIC TELEGRAPH in the Year 1874, and the Moneys received for the same.

	No. of Paid Messages.	Amount of Paid Messages, 1 Jan. to 31 Dec. 1874.	Fees paid to Tasmania on Inter-colonial Business.	Fees paid to other Lines on Inter-colonial Business.	Fees paid to Cable Company on Inter-colonial Business.	No. of Free Messages, O.P.S.O.	Value of Free Messages, O.P.S.O.	Shipping Messages, Enquiries, Railway Memos., Time Signals, &c.	Value of Shipping Messages, Railway Memos., Time Signals, &c.	Total No. of Messages.	Total Value of Messages.
		£ s. d.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.		£ s. d.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.		£ s. d.
Land Line Messages	20,843	1323 10 7	—	—	—	8587	1771 16 4	22,000	3571 15 4	51,430	6667 2 3
Intercolonial & European Messages	10,485	5217 18 2	659 7 2	1642 14 0	2910 16 0	—	—	—	—	10,485	5217 18 2
TOTAL....	31,328	6541 8 9	659 7 2	1642 14 0	2910 16 0	8587	1771 16 4	22,000	3571 15 4	61,915	11,885 0 5

EXPENDITURE on account of the Telegraph, and the Number of Persons employed.

Salaries	£	s.	d.
Repairs, &c. to Line	1375	10	7
New Instruments, Repairs, &c.	331	8	3
Stationery and Stores	114	0	5
Fuel and Light	173	19	1
Conveyance of Stores	53	18	3
Clothing for Messengers	11	12	9
Submarine Cable Subsidy	31	18	0
Contribution to Marine Board in aid of Mount Nelson Line	4200	0	0
	56	9	11
TOTAL EXPENDITURE.....	£6348	17	3

Number of Stations 23^a
 Number of Persons employed..... 30^b

^a Hobart Town (Chief Office), Launceston, Tamar Heads, Oatlands, Campbell Town, Ross, Melton, Green Ponds, Bothwell, Brighton, Longford, Mount Nelson, New Norfolk, Hamilton, Nine Mile Springs, George Town, Macquarie Plains; Railway Circuit (Launceston), Longford, Perth, Westbury, Evandale, Deloraine.

^b Including one Officer whose salary is paid by the District of Longford, one Officer whose salary is paid by the Marine Board of Hobart Town, and one Officer whose salary is partly paid by the Marine Board of Launceston; but not including the men who are occasionally employed in repairing the Lines.

APPENDIX G.
EUROPEAN BUSINESS.
October, 1872, to April, 1875.

	1872.		1873.		1874.		1875.	
	Messages.	Receipts.	Messages.	Receipts.	Messages.	Receipts.	Messages.	Receipts.
		£ s. d.		£ s. d.		£ s. d.		£ s. d.
January .....	..	..	4	38 6 0	9	84 1 6	2	19 13 0
February .....	..	..	7	110 10 3	2	19 13 0	6	71 4 1
March .....	..	..	5	56 12 3	6	73 15 9	7	78 7 6
April .....	..	..	11	176 18 0	8	78 1 3	4	39 6 0
May .....	..	..	4	46 0 9	4	39 7 0		
June .....	..	..	4	44 4 3	8	83 2 9		
July .....	..	..	2	19 13 0	7	60 13 6		
August .....	..	..	8	78 16 0	8	78 12 0		
September .....	..	..	2	19 13 0	3	27 3 6		
October, (Line opened) ...	7	78 15 0	1	14 14 9	9	119 16 7		
November ...	3	54 2 3	4	39 8 0	9	92 11 10		
December ...	5	49 4 6	11	211 16 0	5	50 10 0		
	15	182 1 9	63	856 12 3	78	806 18 8	19	208 10 7

APPENDIX H.

YEAR.	RECEIPTS.	EXPENDITURE.
	£ s. d.	£ s. d.
1857	264 15 2	
1858	644 3 0	
1859	697 18 2	
1860*	1194 18 0	
1861	679 1 3	
1862	738 18 3	
1863	654 1 6	
1864	765 13 5	
1865	635 6 1	1570 9 1
1866	637 10 0	1915 11 5
1867	601 14 2	1607 2 7
1868	626 11 11	1700 2 11
1869†	859 18 7	1497 8 10
1870†	1573 15 7	12977 3 3
1871†	1055 18 10	12053 19 10
1872†	1378 11 9	1930 15 4
1873, (both Land-line and Cable business)	5232 8 5	6051 5 11
1874, (from all sources)	6541 8 9	6348 17 3

* Including Tasmanian proportion of Receipts of first Cable.

† Including Land Line proportion derived from Cable Messages.

‡ Including extensive repairs to Main Line.

In consequence of the heavy clerical labour it would impose on the Treasury, a statement of expenditure from 1857 to 1864 is not included in this Return.

No credit is taken for Free Business in the above Return.

APPENDIX I.

RETURN showing the Business transacted by each Telegraph Station during the Year 1874.

Station.	Paid Business.			No. of Messages (Paid and Free), exclusive of Shipping Reports.
	£	s.	d.	
Hobart Town	5157	7	4	23,232
Launceston	2597	9	7	21,757
Tamar Heads (Repeating Station for Cable Messages)	183	1	11	1943
Campbell Town	164	0	11	2884
Oatlands	114	1	9	2508
Longford	106	11	2	1597
New Norfolk	75	11	6	1998
Bothwell	69	0	1	1487
Ross	59	15	2	1154
Green Ponds	58	18	0	1201
Melton	38	19	6	809
Pontville	26	9	4	808
Hamilton	88	1	2	1122
George Town	144	7	8	1855
Port Arthur	6	7	4	328
Macquarie Plains	22	14	11	562
Nine Mile (6 months)	35	9	4	656

APPENDIX J.

MESSAGES transmitted between the Stations of the Launceston and Western Railway during the Twelve Months ended 30th April, 1875.

	PAID MESSAGES.			FREE MESSAGES.			RAILWAY SERVICE MEMOS.			
	No. of Messages.	Receipts.			No. of Messages. O.P.S.O.	Value of Messages.			Number.	Value.
		£	s.	d.		£	s.	d.		
May	45	2	8	11	1	0	1	2		
June	31	1	13	11	4	0	7	2		
July	48	2	13	7	2	0	2	0		
August	37	2	1	6	6	0	8	5		
September	30	1	12	2	3	0	4	5		
October	58	3	0	7	0					
November	32	1	13	6	3	0	4	3		
December	36	1	18	0	4	0	4	4		
January	39	2	10	0	3	0	5	0		
February	63	3	6	9	13	0	15	4		
March	64	3	11	8	13	0	13	10		
April	45	2	5	4	4	0	11	1		
TOTAL	528	£28	10	3	56	£3	17	0	18,000	(Say) £900 0 0

Paid Business	528	Messages	£	s.	d.	Receipts.
Free Business	56	Messages	28	10	3	Value.
Ditto	18,000	Memos	3	17	0	Ditto.
TOTAL	18,584	Messages	£932	7	3	Receipts and Value.

APPENDIX K.

OFFICERS of the Department—30th April, 1875.

Office.	Name.	Date of present Appointment.	Salary.	First Appointment under Government.	Service under Government.
Superintendent of Telegraphs	F. A. Packer	1 Aug., 1873	£ 250	1 Feb. 1859	16 years 2 months
Operator	John Macdonald	1 June, 1868	130	21 Nov. 1862	12 years 5 months
Assistant Operator	A. H. Packer	1 Nov. 1873	60	1 Nov. 1873	1 year 8 months
Messenger	William Hallam	1 April, 1874	26 ^d	25 June, 1872	2 years 10 months
Messenger	Frank Bowden	1 April, 1875	26 ^d	1 April, 1875	..
Clerk and Operator, Launceston	T. S. Chitty	1 April, 1861	225 ^a	1 July, 1859	15 years 9 months
Assistant Operator	D. Smart	1 March, 1873	70	1 Sept. 1869	5 years 9 months
Junior Operator	R. Baird	1 Sept. 1873	50	1 March, 1873	2 years 2 months
Messenger	W. Bain	1 Sept. 1873	26 ^d	1 Sept. 1873	1 year 9 months
Clerk and Operator, Low Heads	R. Henry, junior	1 Feb. 1860	150 ^e	1 July, 1859	15 years 9 months
Assistant Operator	F. Huxtable	1 April, 1874	60	1 April, 1874	1 year 1 month
Operator, Outlands	Miss H. Lynch, (Post Office)	Qualifying	50	..	..
Operator, Campbell Town	Miss M. Webb	Qualifying	50	..	..
Operator, Ross	Miss Emma Hall, (Post Office)	1 March, 1865	50	1 March, 1865	10 years 2 months
Operator, Melton Mowbray	Miss C. F. Whiteway, (Post Office)	Qualifying	40	..	..
Operator, Green Ponds	J. S. Donnelly, (Post Office)	1 March, 1870	40	1 March, 1870	5 years 2 months
Operator, Bothwell	Miss Sarah Robinson, (Post Office)	1 March, 1870	40	1 March, 1870	5 years 2 months
Operator, Brighton	Miss Agnes M. Dyer, (Post Office)	1 March, 1874	40	1 March, 1874	1 year 2 months
Operator, Hamilton	W. P. Latham	1 April, 1872	40	1 April, 1872	3 years 2 months
Operator, Longford	W. Mason, (Post Office)	18 June, 1863	60 ^b	18 June, 1863	12 years
Operator, New Norfolk	W. Clewer, (Post Office)	1 July, 1871	40	1 July, 1871	3 years 10 months
Operator, Macquarie Plains	Miss Lizzie Matthews	1 Nov. 1873	26	1 Nov. 1873	1 year 6 months
Operator, Mount Nelson	J. Duffy	1 July, 1858	100 ^{ce}	1 July, 1858	16 years 10 months
Operator, George Town	Miss Fanny Richardson	1 June, 1873	25	1 June, 1873	1 year 11 months
Launceston Railway Station	J. W. Israel	1 Aug. 1874	160	1 Aug. 1872	1 year 8 months
L. & W. Railway { Evandale ditto	H. E. Darby	1 Feb. 1874	120	1 Aug. 1872	1 year 8 months
{ Perth ditto	C. Galer	13 Aug. 1874	100	1 Aug. 1872	..
{ Longford ditto	F. Ferguson	1 Aug. 1874	160	1 Aug. 1872	1 year 8 months
{ Westbury ditto	F. Clarke	10 Nov. 1873	100	1 Aug. 1872	1 year 8 months
{ Deloraine	C. Harris	1 Feb. 1874	150	1 Aug. 1872	1 year 8 months
Latrobe	Miss Sarah Hogg	April, 1875	30	April, 1875	1 month
Forth	Miss M. A. Liddle	..	26	..	..
Don	Mrs. Cummings	..	30	..	..
Leven	Miss Alsa Button	..	26	..	..
Torquay	Miss Clara Cocker	..	26	..	..
Emu Bay	Mrs. Beavan	..	26	..	..
Table Cape	Miss L. Rudge	..	30	..	..
Circular Head	Mrs. Emmett	Qualifying	40	..	..
Richmond	J. W. Nickolls	ditto	26	..	..
Buckland	..	..	26	..	..
Spring Bay	..	..	26	..	..
Swansea	— Smith	Qualifying	26	..	..
Sorell	G. Peacock, (Post Office)	ditto	26	..	..
Avoca	Miss Densley	ditto	26	..	..
Fingal	..	ditto	26	..	..
St. Mary's	— Lade	ditto	26	..	..
Falmouth	— Holland	ditto	26	..	..

^d £25 being from L. & W. R. Co. for inspecting their Stations.

^b Paid by District of Longford.

^c Paid by Marine Board of Hobart Town.

^d And uniform.

^e And quarters.

APPENDIX L.

TASMANIA AND VICTORIA SUBMARINE TELEGRAPH.

*The Eastern Extension Australasia and China Telegraph Company, Limited,
66, Old Broad-street, London, E.C., Sept. 4, 1874.*

SIR,

I HAVE the pleasure to hand you a Statement of the Receipts and Expenditure on the Tasmania and Victoria Submarine Line for the year ended 30th April, 1874.

You will observe that the nett earnings are equal to about 7 per cent. on the cost of the Cable—£70,000. This, however, is without making any provision for repairs or renewal of the Cable, which, I am happy to inform you, continues to work most satisfactorily.

As the Company's financial year terminates on 31st December, our Agent and Manager of the Line has been instructed, on presenting this letter, to enquire if the Government would agree to accept a Statement for the Eight months ending 31st December next, in order that the Annual Statement may afterwards be made up to the 31st December, instead of to 30th April, in each year. The change is suggested for the convenience of our Accountant's department, but it will not, of course, be carried into effect except with your full concurrence.

I have the honor to be,

Sir,

Your most obedient Servant,

J. G. GLOVER, *Managing Director.*

The Hon. the Colonial Treasurer, Tasmania.

TASMANIA AND VICTORIA SUBMARINE TELEGRAPH.

FINANCIAL STATEMENT for the Year ending 30th April, 1874.

REVENUE.		£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.
Receipts for Messages		2760	13	10			
Government Subsidy		4200	0	0			
Working Flinders Station		150	0	0			
					7110	13	10
EXPENDITURE.		£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.
Salaries and Wages		1669	16	0			
Rent of Offices		41	5	0			
Petty Expenses and Postage		95	19	6			
Travelling Expenses		40	7	6			
Electrical ditto		48	5	5			
Horse Allowance		45	16	8			
London Management		250	0	0			
					2191	10	1
					£4919	3	9

W. LEWIS WELLS, *Accountant.*
September 4, 1874.

Colonial Treasury, 21st October, 1874.

SIR,

I HAVE the honor to acknowledge receipt of your letter of the 4th September last, enclosing Statement of the Receipts and Expenditure of the Tasmanian and Victorian Submarine Line for the year ended 30th April, 1874.

With reference to your suggestion that the financial year shall be closed on the 31st of December, instead of as at present on the 30th April, I have no objection to the proposed change, and have directed the Superintendent of Telegraphs in this Colony accordingly.

I have, &c.,

P. O. FYSH.

J. G. GLOVER, *Esq., Managing Director E. E. A. & C.*
Telegraph Company, London.

The Eastern Extension Australasia and China Telegraph Company, Limited
66, Old Broad-street, London, E. C., 7th January, 1875.

SIR,

I HAVE the honor to acknowledge the receipt of your letter of the 21st October, and to request that you will accept my thanks for so kindly acceding to my application.

I have the honor to be,

Sir,

Your most obedient Servant,

J. G. GLOVER, *Colonel R.E., Managing Director.*

The Hon. the Colonial Treasurer, Tasmania.

The Eastern Extension Australasia and China Telegraph Company, Limited,
66, Old Broad-street, London, E. C., March 19, 1875.

SIR,

I HAVE the honor to hand you a Statement of the Receipts and Expenditure of the Tasmanian Cable for the Eight months ending 31st December, 1874.

This Statement is prepared for Eight months only, in accordance with the permission given in your letter of the 21st October last; future accounts will be made up annually to 31st December in each year.

I have the honor to be,

Sir,

Your most obedient Servant,

J. G. GLOVER, *Colonel R.E., Managing Director.*

The Hon. the Colonial Treasurer, Tasmania.

FINANCIAL STATEMENT for the Eight Months ending 31st December, 1874.

REVENUE.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.
Receipts for Messages	1887 16 8	
Government Subsidy	2800 0 0	
Working Flinders Station.....	100 0 0	
	4787 16 8	
EXPENDITURE.		
Salaries and Wages	1120 0 0	
Rent of Stations	33 15 0	
Loss on Remittances	22 14 8	
Travelling Expenses	20 0 0	
Maintenance Charges	36 0 3	
Horse Allowance	37 10 0	
London Management	166 13 4	
Petty Expenses and Postage	76 0 4	
	1512 13 7	
	£3275 3 1	

W. LEWIS WELLS, *Accountant.*
March 19, 1875.