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SUBMARINE TELEGRAPH.

RETURN TO AN ORDER OF THE HOUSE. (*Mr. Hill, 24 August.*)

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26 September, 1861.



RETURN showing the Total Cost to the Colony of laying down the MARINE CABLE between Tasmania and Victoria, including Cost of Repairs, Salaries, Travelling Expenses, Charter of Vessels, Interest upon Debentures, and every other Expenditure connected with the abortive attempt to establish Telegraphic Communication with the Continent of Australia.

PARTICULARS OF EXPENSE.	AMOUNT.		
	£	s.	d.
Contracts for laying down the Submarine Cable	50,000	0	0
Miscellaneous Expenditure, including cost of Repairs, Salaries, Travelling Expenses, Charter of Vessels, &c.....	8,127	14	11
Interest upon Debentures	3,000	0	0
<i>Total Expenditure to date</i>	61,127	14	11
Deduct amount paid by Victorian Government.....	22,500	0	0
<i>Nett Amount paid by the Colony</i>	£ 38,627	14	11

Future repairs to the Cable mainly depend upon what course the Parliaments of Victoria and Tasmania may adopt.

Colonial Treasury, 28th August, 1861.