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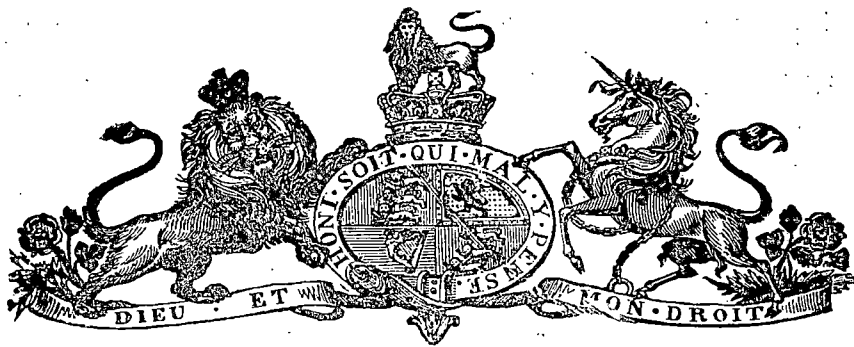
TASMANIA.

LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL.

**TELEGRAPHIC COMMUNICATION WITH
EUROPE.**

CORRESPONDENCE.

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TELEGRAPHIC COMMUNICATION WITH EUROPE.

By ELECTRIC TELEGRAPH.

Adelaide, 9th September, 1872.

CABLE between Port Darwin and Banjoewanjie having now been silent for over eleven weeks, and there may yet be considerable delay before it is repaired or replaced, this Government invite the co-operation of N. S. Wales, Victoria, Tasmania, and Queensland in placing a small but fast Steamer to ply between Port Darwin and Banjoewanjie with Telegrams to and from Europe, thereby reducing period of communication from six weeks to twelve days or thereabouts. Proportion of charges for Port Darwin and Java section will go towards defraying cost of steam service. We will contribute one-fourth the expense, or enter into any equitable arrangement. Please reply by wire.

(Signed) HENRY AYERS, *Chief Secretary.*

The Hon. Colonial Secretary, Tasmania.

By ELECTRIC TELEGRAPH.

11th September, 1872.

THIS Government will co-operate with the other Australian Colonies in placing a Steam Boat to ply between Port Darwin and Banjoewanjie, with Telegrams to and from Europe.

The contribution Tasmania will be prepared to give must be on the basis of population, her liability would therefore be about one-sixteenth the cost.

J. M. WILSON.

The Hon. HENRY AYERS, Chief Secretary, Adelaide.

SOUTH AUSTRALIA.

*Chief Secretary's Office, Adelaide,
10th September, 1872.*

SIR,

THE Submarine Cable between Port Darwin and Banjoewanjie having now been interrupted for more than eleven weeks, and it being possible that considerable delay may yet arise before it can either be repaired or replaced, I have the honor, by desire of His Excellency Sir James Fergusson, to invite you to join this Government in contributing towards the cost of placing a small but fast Steam vessel to ply between the above-named ports with Telegraphic Messages to and from Europe.

Should this proposal be favourably entertained by the respective Governments interested, and named in the margin*, the expense incurred by each would be of no great moment compared with the advantage of reducing the period of communication with Europe from six weeks to about twelve days.

* South Australia, Victoria, New South Wales, Queensland, and Tasmania.

A proportion of the charges payable upon the Port Darwin and Java section would go towards defraying the cost of the steam service, of which this Government is prepared to pay one-fourth, or to enter into any other equitable arrangement to secure so desirable an object.

I have the honor to be,
Sir,

Your obedient Servant,

HENRY AYERS.

The Hon. the Colonial Secretary, Tasmania.

TASMANIA.

Colonial Secretary's Office, 7th October, 1872.

SIR,

REFERRING to your letter of the 10th ultimo, to which I have already replied by Submarine Cable, inviting the co-operation of this Government in the establishment of a small but fast Steamer to convey Telegraphic Messages between Port Darwin and Banjoewanjie, thereby reducing the period of communication with Europe from six weeks to about twelve days, I have now the honor, by the desire of His Excellency Governor Du Cane, to acquaint you that the Government is prepared to bear a portion of the cost of the proposed service, provided population be accepted as the basis of contribution.

In that case the liability of Tasmania would not exceed one-sixteenth of the whole sum expended, and to this extent we are prepared to contribute, in the hope and on the understanding that the arrangement proposed is merely a temporary provision, pending the immediate repair or replacement of the silent Cable.

I have the honor to be,
Sir,

Your very obedient Servant,

J. M. WILSON.

The Hon. the Chief Secretary, South Australia.

BY ELECTRIC TELEGRAPH.

Adelaide, 7th October, 1872.

HAPPY to inform you that agreement concluded with Netherlands India Steam Navigation Co., to put on one of their powerful Steamers between Darwin and Banjoewanjie to carry Messages. Expected first Steamer to leave Banjoewanjie early in November.

H. AYERS, *Chief Secretary.*

The Hon. Colonial Secretary, Hobart Town.

BY ELECTRIC TELEGRAPH.

Adelaide, 21st October, 1872.

CABLE united at midnight. Line working perfectly. English news looked for during the day.

H. AYERS, *Chief Secretary.*

The Hon. Colonial Secretary, Hobart Town.