

## SCHEDULE.

## TENDERS received for Manufacturing and Laying Submarine Telegraph Cable.

No.	Name of Tenderer.	Total Length.	Length—Divisions of Cable.	Weight per mile of 7-wire copper conductor.	Weight of insulating material.	Price per knot.	Sheathing.	Total Cost.	Prices—Extra Length Cable.	Time of Contract.
1	India-rubber, Gutta Percha, and Telegraph Works Co. (Limited).	Miles 1,995	A Main cable 800 knots B Main cable 1,050 knots C Shore-end cable, 120 knots D Shore-end cable, 25.	210 lbs. 180 „ 200 „ „ „	260 lbs. 240 „ 220 „ „ „	£ 187 236 348 1,000	Galvanized iron wires, covered with three coatings of mineral pitch and silica.	£460,000	...	9 calendar months to manufacture cable only; no specified time for laying.
2	Indo-Australian Telegraph Co.	do ...	A } B } do do C } D }	210 „ 180 „ 200 „ „ „	260 „ 240 „ 220 „ „ „	... ... ... ...	A serving of India-rubber, felt, and jute yarn over core, and sheathed with galvanized wire, served with Clarke's compound and jute yarn. Do.	£694,000—5 per cent. guarantee.	...	...
3	Hooper's Telegraph Works.	do ...	A } B } do do C } D }	210 „ 180 „ 200 „ „ „	260 „ 240 „ 200 „ „ „	... ... ... ...	Do.	£480,000	...	12 calendar months to manufacture and lay the cable.
4	Siemens Bros. No. 1	do ...	A } B } do do C } D }	210 „ 180 „ 200 „ „ „	260 „ 240 „ 200 „ „ „	... ... ... ...	Do.	£560,000	A £160 B £184 C £224 D £360	12 calendar months to manufacture and lay the cable.
5	Siemens Bros. No. 2	do ...	A } B } do do C } D }	210 „ 180 „ 200 „ „ „	260 „ 240 „ 200 „ „ „	... ... ... ...	Do.	£685,000—5 per cent. guarantee.	...	12 calendar months to manufacture and lay the cable.
6	W. T. Henley	do ...	Do. ...	do. „ do. „	do. „ do. „	300	Do.	£598,500	...	...

Electric Telegraph Department,  
Superintendent's Office,  
Brisbane, 9th December, 1872.

W. J. CRACKNELL,  
Superintendent of Electric Telegraphs.

“That the Imperial Government be requested to assist the Governments of the Australian Colonies in the construction of such cable—

“1st. By causing soundings to be taken by Her Majesty's ships in the seas through which the cable must pass.

“2nd. By such aid, pecuniarily or otherwise, as they may think fit.”

9. Mr. Vogel then moved, and Mr. Reynolds seconded,—“That a communication from the representatives of New Zealand, dated 30th January, 1873, on the subject of the Californian Mail Service, addressed to the Colonial Secretary of New South Wales, should be entered upon the records of the proceedings of the Conference.” Agreed to.

(For letter, see separate papers.)

10. Mr. Barlee gave notice of the following motion:—

(1.) “That as it is undesirable for the several Colonies of Australia to depend on a single line of telegraphic communication with Europe, this Conference recommends the construction of a second cable, either from Galle to Western Australia *via* the Cocos or Keeling Islands, or from Java to Western Australia.

(2.) “That such cable be landed at the Port of Geraldton, in Western Australia, in latitude 28° 47", from whence telegraphic communication exists overland to the Port of King George's Sound in the same Colony, in latitude 35° 0'.

(3.) “That from thence communication be conveyed either by land-line to South Australia, or by cable to such point in Australia as may, in the opinion of this Conference, be most conducive to the general interests of the several Colonies.

(4.) “That the adoption of these resolutions possesses the great advantage of placing all the Australian Colonies, New Zealand, and Tasmania in immediate communication—a manifest commercial advantage to be gained by no other route.

(5.) “That the cost of this service will best be met by Parliamentary sanction being obtained to a guarantee not exceeding 5 per cent. on the cost of construction to and from the ports of arrival and departure in Western Australia.”

11. Mr. Wilson then moved as follows:—

(1.) “That this Conference, having had under consideration Lord Kimberley's Circular Despatch of the 19th April, 1872, resolve to adopt a joint memorial to the Queen, praying that Her Majesty will direct such measures to be taken as will enable the Royal Assent to be given to the Intercolonial Reciprocity Acts of the Legislatures of Tasmania, South Australia, and New Zealand, and that Her Majesty will direct such measures to be taken as may be found necessary to give full effect to the wishes and requests of the Governments and Legislatures of Her Majesty's Australasian possessions in the matter of Intercolonial free trade.

(2.) “That the Hon. H. Parkes, the Hon. J. Vogel, and the Mover, be a Committee to prepare a draft of such joint memorial for the consideration of the Conference.”

Which, having been amended as follows, was agreed to:—“That this Conference having had under consideration Lord Kimberley's Circular Despatch of 19th April, 1872, resolved to adopt a joint memorial to the Queen, praying that Her Majesty will direct such measures to be taken as may be found necessary to give full effect to the wishes and requests of the