

III.—As to New Zealand Cable.

12. From table "D" it will be seen that this Company, in consideration of a subsidy of £25,000, propose to carry messages of ten words a distance of 11,682 miles, of which 9,582 are by cable, for a sum of £3 5s., or at the rate of 7d. per 100 miles for ten words. The comparison shows, therefore, greatly in favour of this Company, the total distance being one and a-half times as much, the proportion of cable being as two to one, while the charge proposed is less than one-half.

13. I fear you will find this letter rather lengthy, but I have been led on, even at the risk of prolixity, in the hope of making it as clear and comprehensive as I could, so that you might, if possible, be able to arrive at a decision on the subject.

14. I would only beg to add that this Company, as the pioneer to telegraphic communication with the colonies, is most anxious that the enterprise should be a success, which it is ready at all times to forward by every means in its power in the most liberal spirit.

I have, &c.,

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Sub-Enclosure.

A.—STATEMENT showing the existing Twenty-word Rate between Port Darwin and the following Places, with the Proportions paid to the various Companies and Administrations *en route*.

	Eastern or Indo-European Companies.	Eastern Extension Company.	Dutch Government.	Indian Government.	Total.
	£ s. d.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.
Madras	5 8 6	0 4 0	0 8 0	6 0 6
Hong Kong	6 5 6	0 4 0	...	6 9 6
Java	2 14 0	0 4 0	...	2 18 0
Singapore	3 15 6	0 4 0	...	3 19 6
England	2 6 0	5 8 6	0 4 0	0 8 0	8 6 6

B.—STATEMENT showing the proposed Ten-word Rate between Port Darwin and the following Places, with the Proportions paid to the various Companies and Administrations *en route*.

	Eastern and Indo-European Companies.	Eastern Extension Company.	Dutch Government.	Indian Government.	Total.	Per additional word.
	£ s. d.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.
Madras	1 10 0	0 4 0	0 4 0	1 18 0	0 3 9
Hong Kong	3 0 0	0 4 0	...	3 4 0	0 6 4
Java	1 0 0	0 4 0	...	1 4 0	0 2 4
Singapore	1 10 0	0 4 0	...	1 14 0	0 3 4
England	1 8 0	1 9 0	0 4 0	0 4 0	3 5 0	0 6 6

C.—STATEMENT showing the Distance between London and Demerara, with Cost of Ten-word Messages.

	Land Lines.	Cable.	
London to Valentia	535 Miles.	...	
Valentia to New York	800 "	2,170 Miles.	
New York to Florida	1,400 "	...	
Florida to Demerara	2,728 "	
Total Miles	2,735 "	4,898 "	Grand total, 7,633 Miles.

Tariff for 10 words between Demerara and London, £5 14s. 7d., or at the rate of 1s. 6d. per 100 miles for 10 words.