

terminal rates or otherwise, or we can leave you collect your own cablegrams and moneys. We give you now in every way great aid; in fact, virtually do major portion of your business for you, saving you large expenses. We consider intention of contract was that tariff should not be raised, and advise you to withdraw proposal.

The Chairman, Eastern Extension Company, London.

JULIUS VOGEL,
Postmaster-General.

No. 74.

The Hon. Sir J. VOGEL to the Hon. F. B. SUTTON.

(Telegram.)

Wellington, 25th September, 1886.

I HOPE you will aid us in putting the Press telegrams between Australia and New Zealand on a fairer footing. The rates between Adelaide and Sydney terminus for Press messages both ways should be Press rates, and we will make Press rates between terminus here and all parts of New Zealand both for messages out and in. The cable rate ought not to be full rate. The Government of India has insisted on all the colonies sharing the benefit of the new arrangement, and they could not approve the Press being charged from Sydney to New Zealand nearly half the whole cost to England. A joint appeal by our two Governments to the Government of India would lead to redress. The Press are willing, if the cable rate is reduced to threepence a word, to guarantee equal receipts from increased business.

The Hon. F. B. Sutton, Sydney.

JULIUS VOGEL,
Postmaster-General.

No. 75.

The Hon. F. B. SUTTON to the Hon. the POSTMASTER-GENERAL, Wellington.

(Telegram.)

Sydney, 29th September, 1886.

HAVE wired company in similar terms to your cable. Hope matter may be arranged. Could not attend conference at present if one were held.

The Hon. the Postmaster-General, Wellington.

F. B. SUTTON,
Postmaster-General.

No. 76.

The CHAIRMAN, Eastern Extension Telegraph Company, to the Hon. Sir JULIUS VOGEL.

(Telegram.)

London, 28th September, 1886.

HAVE received your telegram. We are acting upon highest legal advice, and have perfect right to raise tariff. You are bound to give us office accommodation for ten years from expiration of subsidy. New South Wales were prepared to renew subsidy for ten years. You obtained the sanction of your Parliament to renew for five years, but declined to carry it into effect. The advantages which you state we enjoy are far from making up heavy loss we sustain by working traffic at present rates. There really ought to be no difficulty in coming to satisfactory arrangement. You complain of not having received legal notice. We have told you throughout our correspondence, extending over eighteen months, that, unless subsidy renewed, tariff would have to be raised. Now, to prevent all misunderstanding, and to satisfy the telegraphic community of New Zealand and of the other colonies, company will postpone raising tariff until first January next if you choose to reconsider proposals with a view to amicable arrangements (170, correction to follow).

The Hon. Sir Julius Vogel, Wellington.

CHAIRMAN, Extension Company.

No. 77.

The Hon. F. B. SUTTON to the Hon. the POSTMASTER-GENERAL, Wellington.

(Telegram.)

Sydney, 30th September, 1886.

Re this morning's telegram from Extension Company. I am prepared to recommend Cabinet to renew the subsidy on terms suggested in January. Company have given way in agreeing to a five years' subsidy, and I consider this proposal the best way out of the difficulty. Strongly urge your reconsideration, and thus save inconvenience, and possibly increased instead of reduced charges to public.

The Hon. the Postmaster-General, Wellington.

F. B. SUTTON.

No. 78.

The Hon. F. B. SUTTON to the Hon. the POSTMASTER-GENERAL, Wellington.

(Telegram.)

Sydney, 11th October, 1886.

SHALL be glad to learn if you have arrived any decision re Pender's cablegram 30th ultimo.

The Hon. the Postmaster-General, Wellington.

F. B. SUTTON,
Postmaster-General.

No. 79.

Dr. LEMON, Wellington, to the Hon. the POSTMASTER-GENERAL, Sydney.

(Telegram.)

Wellington, 12th October, 1886.

THE Postmaster-General desires me to say he will reply to your telegram before the end of the week.

The Hon. the Postmaster-General, Sydney.

C. LEMON,
Superintendent.