5. Each of the Governments of the respective contracting colonies shall, during the continuance of the Amended Message Receipts Guarantee Agreement, cause all cables, cable apparatus, telegraph instruments, and all machinery and other goods of every kind of the Extension Company or their assigns which are used solely for the purpose of the business of the Extension Company or their assigns for repairing or working any of their cable-ships to be relieved from all Customs duties and wharfage rates in its own respective colony, and shall cause every vessel which shall be used by the Extension Company or their assigns for the purpose of laying, repairing, or duplicating any cable and any vessel of the Extension Company or their assigns in which any such cable, cable apparatus and telegraph instruments, machinery, and goods as aforesaid shall be imported into such contracting colony respectively to be exempt from all port dues payable by vessels trading to or from such respective contracting colony, and shall also, during the continuance of the Amended Message Receipts Guarantee Agreement, repay the Extension Company such sums as will be sufficient to recoup the Extension Company any rates or taxes—parliamentary or otherwise—which the Extension Company shall be required to pay in such respective contracting colony, provided always, however—and it is hereby mutually agreed and declared by and between the parties hereto—that nothing in this present clause shall be deemed to waive, defeat,\* modify, or affect any privileges, exemptions, or rights belonging to the Extension Company or their assigns under certain articles of agreement, bearing date the 29th day of August, 1871, and made between the Governor of the Province of South Australia of the one part and the British Australian Telegraph Company (Limited) of the other part, or under certain other articles of agreement, bearing date the 14th day of March, 1889, and made between the Government of Tasmania of the one part and the Extension Company of the other part, but, on the contrary, this present clause shall be deemed to be collateral and additional to each of the last-mentioned articles of agreement.

In witness whereof the Honourable Sir Saul Samuel, K.C.M.G., C.B., the Agent-General for New South Wales the Honourable Duncan Gillies, the Agent-General for Victoria, the Honourable Thomas Playford, the Agent-General for South Australia, Sir Malcolm Fraser, K.C.M.G., the Agent-General for Western Australia, Sir Robert George Wyndham Herbert, G.C.B., the Agent-General for Tasmania, and Sir Westby Brook Perceval, K.C.M.G., the Agent-General for New Zealand, all duly authorised to execute these presents on behalf of Her Most Gracious Majesty the Queen, have hereunto set their respective hands and seals, and the common seal of the Eastern Extension Australasia and China Telegraph Company (Limited) hath been hereunto affixed the day

and year first above written.

Signed, sealed, and delivered by the above-named Honourable Sir Saul Samuel, K.C.M.G., C.B., on behalf of Her Most Gracious Majesty the Queen, in the presence of—S. Yardley,

SAUL SAMUEL. (L.s.)

Secretary, Department of Agent-General for New South Wales,

9, Victoria Street, Westminster.
Signed, sealed, and delivered by the above-named Honourable
Duncan Gillies, on behalf of Her Most Gracious Majesty the Queen, in the presence of-

D. GILLIES. (L.s.)

S. B. H. RODGERSON,

Acting-Secretary to Agent-General for Victoria,

15, Victoria Street, Westminster.

Signed, sealed, and delivered by the above-named Honourable Thomas Playford, on behalf of Her Most Gracious Majesty the Queen, in the presence of— T. Fred. Wicksteed,

T PLAYFORD. (L.s.)

Secretary to Agent-General for South Australia,

15, Victoria Street, Westminster.

Signed, sealed, and delivered by the above-named Sir Malcolm Fraser, K.C.M.G., on behalf of Her Most Gracious Majesty the Queen, in the presence of-

MALCOLM FRASER. (L.s.)

R. C. HARE,

Secretary, Western Australian Government Agency,

15, Victoria Street, S.W.

Signed, sealed, and delivered by the above-named Sir Robert George Wyndham Herbert, G.C.B., on behalf of Her Most Gracious Majesty the Queen, in the presence of-F H. Porter,

ROBERT G. W. HERBERT. (L.S.)

50, Old Broad Street,

Clerk in Eastern Extension Company

Signed, sealed, and delivered by the above-named Sir Westby Brook Perceval, K.C.M.G., on behalf of Her Most Gracious Majesty the Queen, in the presence of— WALTER KENNAWAY,

Westby B. Perceval. (L.S.)

Secretary, New Zealand Government Office, 13, Victoria Street, London, S. W.

The common seal of the Eastern Extension Australasia and China Telegraph Company (Limited) was hereunto affixed, in the presence ofThe common seal of the Eastern Extension Australasia and China Telegraph Company, (Limited).

DENISON PENDER, Director.

 $<sup>\</sup>mathbf{F}$ E. Hesse, Secretary

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