

The following shall be the charges (inclusive of terminal rates) for cable telegrams from New Zealand to the places specified :—

To	Ordinary Telegrams, each Word.			Government Telegrams, each Word.		
	£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.
New South Wales	0	0	4½	0	0	3½
Victoria	0	0	4½	0	0	3½
Queensland, including Thursday Island	0	0	4½	0	0	3½
South Australian (except offices on overland lines)	0	0	4½	0	0	3½
Tasmania	0	0	5½	0	0	4½
Western Australia	0	0	4½	0	0	3½
Norfolk Island	0	0	3	0	0	2
Fiji	0	0	8	0	0	6

No. 139.

The SECRETARY, General Post Office, Wellington, to the SECRETARY, Postmaster-General's Department, Melbourne.

(Telegram.)

Wellington, 29th April, 1902.

Re rates: I note amended Press rates, and that only applied to Pacific cable. Regret difficulty *re* our international messages. Unless there is reduction we shall have to confine international traffic, except Government, to Eastern Extension Company's cables. My Minister understood reduced terminal rates New Zealand-Australian traffic applied to both routes. This, too, was view of Mr. Reynolds who strongly favoured uniformity both routes, and was against any cutting. If you intend enforce penny a word each State on our messages *via* Eastern Company's cables, important you advise me forthwith, but hope rate will stand.

No. 140.

The SECRETARY, General Post Office, Wellington, to the SECRETARY, Postmaster-General's Department, Melbourne.

(Telegram.)

Wellington, 1st May, 1902.

REGRET troubling you, but urgent we should know at once your terminal rate our international messages *via* Pacific cable.

No. 141.

The SECRETARY, Postmaster-General's Department, Melbourne, to the SECRETARY, General Post Office, Wellington.

(Telegram.)

Melbourne, 1st May, 1902.

YOUR wire to-day: Will advise fully soon as decision is arrived at.

No. 142.

The SECRETARY, General Post Office, Wellington, to the SECRETARY, Postmaster-General's Department, Melbourne.

(Telegram.)

Wellington, 5th May, 1902.

How are you treating New Zealand messages to and from the Commonwealth by Eastern Extension Company's cables? Company just informed me that your reduced terminal rate is not applied to traffic passing over its cables. This is contrary to Sir Joseph Ward's understanding. He concluded that the reduced terminal rate would be applied to all messages, irrespective of route. Our rates fixed accordingly. Company quotes against your action International Telegraph Convention Regulation No. 27, and contends that terminal rate must be same by both routes.

No. 143.

The SECRETARY, General Post Office, Wellington, to the SECRETARY, Postmaster-General's Department, Melbourne.

(Telegram.)

Wellington, 5th May, 1902.

HOPE you are now able definitely reply *re* rate our international messages *via* Pacific.

No. 144.

The SECRETARY, Postmaster-General's Department, Melbourne, to the SECRETARY, General Post Office, Wellington.

(Telegram.)

Melbourne, 6th May, 1902.

YOUR wire of 5th instant *re* New Zealand messages to and from Commonwealth: Those over Eastern Extension reduced by a halfpenny, consequence reduction of your rate, otherwise rates by