

Condition 10 to stand as set out in the tender, and the modification as suggested in your letter of the 5th instant is agreed to be cancelled.

The following to be substituted for condition 12 of the tender: "All the Government Departments, the colonial Governments, and the Governments of the dominions which take part in this agreement shall undertake not to give any information concerning the company's patents, processes, machinery, or any knowledge which they may derive from the stations erected under this tender, or which may be obtained from the Marconi Company to any Government Department which may not have caused stations to be erected under this tender. It is further agreed that if at the expiration of the five years dating from the date of the agreement any of the Government Departments, the colonial Governments, or the Governments of the dominions which will have erected stations under this tender should decide to erect or cause to be erected a station or stations of a different system, the company shall have the right of inspection of any such station or stations." By this clause, to the extent of what is set out therein, the company releases the Admiralty and the Postmaster-General from the obligation under their agreements with the company of the 24th July, 1903, and the 29th September, 1909, respectively, but no Governments or Departments concerned shall make use of information so obtained in order to enable them to manufacture, or cause to be manufactured, or use without payment any of the apparatus in regard to which information has been furnished.

I have, &c.,  
MARCONI'S WIRELESS TELEGRAPH COMPANY (LIMITED),  
GODFREY C. ISAACS, Managing Director.

NOTE.—It is open to the Government of any dominion to become a party to this agreement.—G.C.I.

No. 15.

New Zealand, No. 85.

MY LORD,—

Downing Street, 22nd March, 1912.

With reference to my despatch, No. 92, of the 10th March, 1911, I have the honour to transmit to you, for the information of your Ministers, a copy of a statement which has been received from the Lords Commissioners of the Admiralty showing the cost during the period from 1st April, 1910, to the 31st March, 1911, of the maintenance of the ships forming the Naval Force on the Australian Station.

I have, &c.,  
L. HARCOURT.

Governor the Right Hon. Lord Islington, K.C.M.G., D.S.O., &c.

Enclosure.

STATEMENT OF COST DURING THE PERIOD 1ST APRIL, 1910, TO 31ST MARCH, 1911, OF THE MAINTENANCE OF SHIPS FORMING THE NAVAL FORCE ON THE AUSTRALIAN STATION.

Name of Ship.	Class.	Five per Cent. on Prime Cost.	Wages, &c.	Victualling.	Repairs, &c.	Sea Stores.	Steam-vessel Coal.	Freight, Naval Stores.	Naval Ordnance Stores.	Medical Stores.	Passages, &c.	Liability in Respect of Retired Pay of Officers and Pensions of Men.	Total.
		£	£	£	£	£	£	£	£	£	£	£	£
Powerful .. ..	Cruiser, 1st class ..	42,475	68,160	18,230	8,442	7,430	20,314	..	7,024	984	5,696	22,834	201,589
Cambrian .. ..	" 2nd class ..	14,751	17,100	5,300	1,187	1,392	6,068	..	2,078	162	216	6,734	54,988
Challenger .. ..	" .. ..	20,527	36,636	7,140	4,716	2,859	11,673	..	3,497	171	492	5,935	93,646
Encounter .. ..	" .. ..	21,815	28,022	7,400	2,261	3,112	12,328	..	2,385	78	146	8,853	86,400
Pegasus .. ..	" 3rd class ..	8,036	12,892	3,940	8,660	1,802	6,585	..	2,259	49	228	5,106	49,557
Pioneer .. ..	" .. ..	8,735	14,257	2,600	2,203	1,636	3,533	..	..	110	1,476	3,220	37,770
Prometheus .. ..	" .. ..	7,877	12,975	3,940	6,349	2,313	3,649	..	3,005	70	376	5,072	45,626
Psyche .. ..	" .. ..	9,128	17,415	2,610	3,703	1,925	3,800	..	2,432	100	534	2,998	44,645
Pyramus .. ..	" .. ..	8,052	15,729	2,610	8,734	1,809	2,956	..	196	73	840	3,064	44,063
								4,400					4,400
		141,396	223,186	53,770	46,255	24,278	70,906	4,400	22,876	1,797	10,004	63,816	662,684

NOTE.—The "Challenger" was outside the limits of the station from the 3rd to the 31st March, 1911, and the "Encounter" from the 5th to the 21st April, 1910. The figures in the statement do not include the cost of the upkeep, &c., of the naval establishment at Sydney, which was approximately £60,200.