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ACCEPTANCE OF TENDERS FOR MAINTENANCE OF TELEGRAPH LINES IN THE STATE OF VICTORIA.

IT is hereby notified for general information that the following Tenders have been accepted for the maintenance and repairs to Telegraph Lines in connexion with the Post Office and Telegraph Department in the State of Victoria. (*Series 1901-2.*)

No. of Tender.	Name.	Particulars of Tender.	Amount per annum.
—	Ferguson, R. ...	Maintenance and repairs to telegraph lines between Walhalla and Toongabbie for twelve months from 1st July, 1901. Poles to be reset, supplied, carted, and erected at schedule rates	£ s. d. 30 0 0
—	Gibson, W. ...	Maintenance and repairs to telegraph lines between Frankston and Flinders, and between Dromana and Point Nepean, and between Flinders and Bittern, for twelve months from 1st July, 1901. Poles to be reset, supplied, carted, and erected at schedule rates.	36 0 0
—	Malone, D. T. ...	Maintenance and repairs to telegraph lines between Omeo and each of the following places:—Tambo Crossing, Sunnyside, Benambra, Cassilis, Glen Wills, Ensay, and Tongio, for twelve months from 1st July, 1901. Poles to be reset, supplied, carted, and erected at schedule rates.	80 0 0

JAMES G. DRAKE,
Postmaster-General.

Commonwealth of Australia.
Postmaster-General's Department,
17th July, 1901.

NEW SOUTH WALES.

HIS Excellency the Governor-General in and over the Commonwealth of Australia, by and with the advice of the Executive Council thereof, has been pleased to approve, in accordance with the provisions of the New South Wales Electric Telegraph Act, 20 Vict., No. 41, of the Regulation of that State, No. 11, relative to liability in connexion with telegrams, being amended to read as follows:—

“The Postmaster-General will not be responsible for any mistakes in, or delay, non-delivery, or non-transmission of any *unrepeated* telegram, from whatever cause the same may arise. The Postmaster-General will not be responsible to any extent above £10 (Ten pounds) for any mistakes in, or delay, non-delivery, or non-transmission of any *repeated* telegram, from whatever cause the same may arise.”

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RATES FOR TRANSMISSION OF PRESS TELEGRAMS RELATING TO PARLIAMENTARY AND EXECUTIVE PROCEEDINGS OF THE COMMONWEALTH.

HIS Excellency the Governor-General in and over the Commonwealth of Australia, by and with the advice of the Executive Council thereof, has been pleased to approve of the following rates being adopted for the transmission throughout the Commonwealth, excepting to Tasmania, of press telegrams relating to Parliamentary and Executive proceedings of the Commonwealth, namely:—

Ten words and under	...	Sixpence.
Extra words up to 34	...	Each one halfpenny.
Over 34 words and under 100	...	One shilling and sixpence.
Each additional 50 words or under
	...	Sixpence.

On such telegrams to Tasmania the charges to be those mentioned above with cable charges added.

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HIS Excellency the Governor-General in and over the Commonwealth of Australia, by and with the advice of the Executive Council thereof, has been pleased to approve, in accordance with the provisions of the 3rd section of the Postage Act, 31 Vict., No. 4, of the Regulations of the State of New South Wales, relative to the repurchase of postage stamps, &c., in that State being amended, to read as follows:—

- (a) "Postage stamps in strips of at least two, unsoiled, and in sound condition, and not marked on the back with the name of a firm, &c., in print, or perforated with initials, will be purchased from the public by the Distributer of Stamps, General Post Office, in lots of not less value than £1, subject to a charge of 5 per cent. for the accommodation, and postmasters are permitted to afford the public a similar convenience.

Spoiled but unused post-cards and stamped envelopes will be purchased by the Distributer of Stamps, General Post Office, in lots bearing stamps to the value of not less than £1. A discount of 10 per cent. will be charged for the accommodation.

The names and addresses of persons availing themselves of this accommodation at the Head Office must be furnished in the printed form to be obtained from the Distributer of Stamps.

- (b) "Postage stamps received in payment of taxation by Collectors of Public Revenue, and tendered by them in exchange for cash, or in payment for Money Orders or Postal Notes, for the purpose of remitting revenue to the Treasury, must be purchased by postmasters, subject to a discount at the rate of 1½ per cent. (3d. in the £1), provided the stamps are in an unsoiled and sound condition, and not marked on the back with the name of a firm, &c., in print, or perforated with initials; the stamps to be resold in the ordinary course of business."

JAMES G. DRAKE,
Postmaster-General.