

York, Newfoundland, and London Telegraph Company.

America, shall be, in all respects, subject and liable to the debts, obligations, and liabilities of the said New York, Newfoundland, and London Telegraph Company, in like manner as the property of the last-mentioned Company is now liable to such debts, liabilities, and obligations aforesaid.

Penalty for injury to property of the Company.

VI. If any person shall wilfully and maliciously throw down, destroy, damage, or injure any post, wire, insulator, cable, line, building, erection, apparatus, machinery, or other works, or obstruct the operation of any line of the said New York, Newfoundland, and London Telegraph Company, or of the said Atlantic Telegraph Company Limited, after such consolidation and merger as aforesaid, or of any other Company with or into which the said New York, Newfoundland, and London Telegraph Company shall at any time unite or merge under the provisions of their Act, such person shall be guilty of a misdemeanour, and shall, upon conviction before any court of record, be punished with fine or imprisonment, or both, at the discretion of the court; and, upon conviction in a summary manner before one or more justices of the peace, shall be punished by fine not exceeding five pounds, or by imprisonment not exceeding one calendar month, at the discretion of such justice or justices.

Conviction before a justice or justices.

Power to apprehend offender.

VII. It shall be lawful for any servant or officer of the said New York, Newfoundland, and London Telegraph Company, or for any other person who may witness the commission of any such offence aforesaid, forthwith to apprehend the offender, and take him before a justice of the peace, to be by him held to bail to answer for such offence, either before a court of record, or before one or more justices, as the said justice may determine.

Appropriation of fines.

VIII. All such fines as aforesaid shall be paid, one half to the party who shall prosecute for the same, and the other half to the receiver-general for the use of the colony; and no conviction that may be had before one or more justices shall be quashed for want of form, provided sufficient shall appear in such conviction to warrant the same upon the merits.

Protection of party arresting offender.

IX. If any action shall be instituted against any person on account of any such apprehension as aforesaid, the defendant therein may plead the general issue, and give the special matter in evidence.

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COPY of DESPATCH from the Right Honourable H. LABOUCHERE, M.P., to Governor Sir ALEX. BANNERMAN.

(No. 3.)

SIR,

Downing Street, 20th July 1857.

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I HAVE received and have had under my consideration an Act passed by the Legislature of Newfoundland in the month of March last, and transmitted to me in your Despatch noted in the margin.

I have reported to Her Majesty in Council my opinion that the said Act should be left to its operation; and I have the honour to transmit to you herewith an Order of Her Majesty in Council, dated the 16th instant, approving that Report.

Governor Sir A. Bannerman,
&c. &c.

I have, &c.
(Signed) H. LABOUCHERE.

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(No. 4.)

EXTRACT of DESPATCH from the Right Hon. H. LABOUCHERE to Governor Sir ALEX. BANNERMAN, dated "Downing Street, 22d January 1858."

11 January 1858.
Enclosure.

"I TRANSMIT for your information and guidance a copy of a letter addressed to this department, by desire of the Lords of the Committee of Privy Council for Trade, containing their Lordships views on the line of policy which it would be advisable for the Newfoundland Government to adopt respecting the existing legislation of the island as regards the New York and Newfoundland Telegraph Company."

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EXTRACT of LETTER from J. BOOTH, Esq. to H. MERIVALE, Esq., dated "Whitehall, 11th January 1858."

MY Lords direct me to observe that, having already on many former occasions expressed their opinion that the granting to telegraph companies of the exclusive right to