

Secretary of the Company, containing the particulars hereinbefore required in like cases, and signifying its acceptance of this Act.

X. It shall be the duty of the owner, or of the Association or Company owning any Telegraph Line now in operation, or that may hereafter be in operation, to receive despatches from and for other Telegraph Lines and Associations, and from and for any individuals, on payment of the usual charges, as established by the Rules and Regulations of such Telegraph Lines, and to transmit the same with impartiality and good faith, under the penalty of \_\_\_\_\_ for every neglect or refusal so to do, to be recovered with costs of suit, in the name of and for the benefit of the person or persons sending or desiring to send such despatch.

Duties of Company in transmitting Despatches.

XI. It shall likewise be the duty of every such owner, Company or Association to transmit all despatches in the order in which they are received, under a penalty of *Twenty-five* Pounds, to be recovered with costs of suit, by the person or persons whose despatch is postponed out of its order: except that any Message in relation to the Administration of Justice, arrest of criminals; the discovery or prevention of crime and Government Messages or Despatches, shall always be transmitted in preference to any Message, if required by persons connected with the Administration of Justice, and any person thereunto authorized by the Provincial Secretary.

The same.

XII. Any Operator of any Telegraph Line or person employed by any Telegraph Company, divulging the contents of a private despatch shall be deemed guilty of a misdemeanor, and on conviction shall be liable to a fine not exceeding \_\_\_\_\_ Pounds, or to imprisonment \_\_\_\_\_ or both, in the discretion of the Court before which the conviction shall be had.

Penalty on Operators divulging secrets.

XIII. And be it enacted, That Her Majesty may, at any time upon giving \_\_\_\_\_ previous notice to the Company, assume possession of any such Telegraph line and of all things necessary to the sufficient working thereof, for any time to be mentioned in such notice, and may for the same time require the exclusive service of the Operators and other persons, employed in working such line, and the Company shall give up possession thereof, and the operators and other persons so employed shall, during such time, diligently and faithfully obey such orders, and transmit and receive such despatches as they may be required to receive and transmit by any duly authorized Officer of the Provincial Government, under a penalty of \_\_\_\_\_ Pounds for any refusal or neglect to comply with the requirements of this section, to be recovered by the Crown for the public uses of the Province, with costs, in any way in which debts of like amount are recoverable by the Crown.

Government may assume the same temporarily.

Penalty on persons disobeying this Section.