

## 2 CONTRACT FOR THE CONSTRUCTION OF A SUBMARINE

from the approval of this Agreement by the House of Commons, unless such period shall be extended by the Treasury, in which event the cable shall be laid and open for traffic within such extended period.

5. The Company shall make suitable arrangements for the prompt transfer to and from the cables of an Atlantic Cable Company, having landing stations at Halifax, of all messages transmitted or intended for transmission by such telegraph line, so that a continuous and satisfactory service may be maintained between the United Kingdom and Bermuda. The Company shall also make similar arrangements with respect to messages to and from the land lines and cables now existing, having stations at Halifax, or which during the continuance of this Agreement may be constructed, belonging either to the Government of the Dominion of Canada, or to any Telegraph Company, with stations at Halifax, and to and from any other telegraph cable which may, during the continuance of this Agreement, be laid to the Colony of Bermuda.

6. All Government messages, whether Imperial or Colonial, shall be transmitted by such telegraph line in priority to all other messages at rates to be approved by the Treasury, not exceeding one half of those charged to the general public.

7. The stations of such telegraph line shall be open during 12 hours daily, from 8 a.m. to 8 p.m., and throughout the night, when required by Her Majesty's Government.

8. The Treasury shall from and after the effective completion of such telegraph line, and the opening thereof for the transmission of messages, provided such opening take place within the period mentioned in Article 4, or within such extended period as may be fixed by the Treasury as provided by that Article, pay, during the term of 20 years from the opening as aforesaid of such telegraph line, and thence next ensuing, to the Company an annual subsidy, or yearly sum of 8,100*l.*, subject, nevertheless, to the terms and conditions herein appearing.

9. The said annual subsidy or yearly sum shall be payable out of such aids or supplies as may from time to time be appropriated by Parliament for that purpose, and be deemed to accrue *de die in diem*, but shall be paid by quarterly payments at the Bank of England, the first payment thereof to be made at the expiration of three calendar months from the opening as aforesaid of such telegraph line.

10. If during the three months preceding any quarterly payment of the said annual subsidy or yearly sum such telegraph line has been maintained in good working order and condition, and the conditions of Article 5 have been fulfilled during such period of three months, so that a continuous service has (during such period of three months) been maintained between the United Kingdom and Bermuda, a full quarterly payment of the said annual subsidy or yearly sum shall be made, provided always, that if, during any portion of such period of three months preceding a quarterly payment, there has been an interruption in the good working order of such telegraph line, a deduction from a full quarterly payment shall be made, calculated according to the period during which such interruption in good working order has existed; provided, further, that in the event of interruption in such good working order as aforesaid of such telegraph line, a period of three calendar months from the date of such interruption shall be allowed for repairs. If such telegraph line be restored to working order within such aforesaid period, a full quarter's subsidy shall be payable in respect of such aforesaid period. If such telegraph line be not restored to working order within such aforesaid period, but be so restored within a period of six months from such interruption, a full quarter's subsidy, but no more, shall be payable in respect of the period from such interruption to such restoration to working order. If such telegraph line be not so restored to working order within six months from such interruption, the subsidy shall cease to be payable for any period subsequent to such interruption, except as hereinafter provided. Provided always, that if such telegraph line be not repaired, and in working order at the expiration of six calendar months  
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