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SUBMARINE TELEGRAPH CONTRACT  
(HALIFAX AND BERMUDA).

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RETURN to an Order of the Honourable The House of Commons,  
dated 16 April 1889;—for,

COPY “ of CONTRACT, dated the 12th day of April 1889, for the Construction of a SUBMARINE TELEGRAPH LINE from *Halifax, Nova Scotia*, to the Island of *Bermuda*, together with COPY of the MINUTE of the TREASURY with regard thereto.”

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Treasury Chambers, }  
16 April 1889. }

W. L. JACKSON.

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AN AGREEMENT, made the 12th day of April 1889, *between* Sidney Herbert, Esquire (commonly called the Honourable Sidney Herbert) and Colonel William Hood Walrond, two of the Lords Commissioners of Her Majesty's Treasury, for and on behalf of Her Majesty's Government (hereinafter called the Treasury) of the one part, and the International Cable Company, Limited (hereinafter called the Company), of the other part.

WHEREAS the Company proposes to construct and lay a Submarine Telegraph Line from Halifax, Nova Scotia, to the Island of Bermuda, and to work the said Telegraph Line when constructed. Now these presents Witness, and it is hereby agreed and declared as follows :—

1. The Company shall, by means of money to be provided or procured by it, well and substantially, and in the best and most workmanlike manner, and in accordance with the specification and samples approved by the Treasury, and to the satisfaction of the officer to be appointed by the Treasury for that purpose, construct, submerge in proper working order, and establish, with proper stations and offices at Halifax and Bermuda, a line of Submarine Telegraph (hereinafter called such telegraph line) between Halifax and the said Island of Bermuda, and the Company shall thenceforth effectually work such telegraph line with a sufficient staff of proper and efficient officers being British subjects.

2. The shore ends of the cable of such telegraph line shall be landed in Halifax at such point as shall be approved by an officer to be appointed by the Treasury, and in Bermuda at such point as shall be approved by the Governor of Bermuda, and such points shall, if so required by Her Majesty's Government, be respectively within the circle of the defences of the fortresses of Halifax and Bermuda.

3. The cable of such telegraph line shall be capable of transmitting 15 words a minute.

4. The Company shall have the cable laid and open for the transmission of messages, and shall fulfil the conditions of Article 5 within five months