

cables whenever they may become unserviceable, and to maintain the line of communication in the highest condition of efficiency for the business to be transacted.

13. These provisions assented to it will be possible, immediately on the cables being laid, to adopt a scale of charges for ordinary messages between the Australian Colonies and Great Britain of four shillings per word, press messages at half or considerably lower rates. It is proposed that Government messages be transmitted free of charge to the full amount of the subsidy and to take precedence of all other business.

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