

inspection of an officer of the Colony. The reasoning that could make out that a telegraph line to such an institution—whose sole *raison d'être* arises out of a great public necessity—can have anything about it in the nature of a “private line,” is only worthy of a “Circumlocution” office. The Provincial Governments are branches of the Government of the Colony.

I have learnt to-day from the Provincial Secretary that the local Government will be prepared to guarantee the cost of this telegraph line above the £80 voted for it in the last Session of the Provincial Council.

The Hon. the Colonial Secretary,
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