

No. 15.

The MANAGER IN AUSTRALASIA, Eastern Extension Company, Melbourne, to the SECRETARY,
General Post Office, Wellington.

(Telegram.)

Melbourne, 6th June, 1902.

HAVE wired London what you say, but do not think any new international rate should be collected until it has been notified through the Bureau.

No. 16.

The MANAGER IN AUSTRALASIA, Eastern Extension Company, Melbourne, to the SECRETARY,
General Post Office, Wellington.

(Telegram.)

Melbourne, 14th June, 1902.

COMPANY highly appreciate generosity your Government handing them all unrouted troop messages, but understood all unrouted traffic is directed to be sent *via* Pacific. Why this exception?

No. 17.

The SECRETARY, General Post Office, Wellington, to the MANAGER IN AUSTRALASIA, Eastern
Extension Company, Melbourne.

(Telegram.)

Wellington, 14th June, 1902.

RATE troop messages restricted to Extension route. Were you to extend to Pacific, this no doubt acceptable to Board in interests its traffic.

No. 18.

The SECRETARY, General Post Office, Wellington, to the SECRETARY, Postmaster-General's
Department, Melbourne.

(Telegram.)

Wellington, 1st July, 1902.

PLEASE wire me rates chargeable for telegrams from this colony to stations on overland Line to Port Darwin; also New Caledonia *via* Extension, and Australian Press rate *via* Extension.

No. 19.

The SECRETARY, Postmaster-General's Department, Melbourne, to the SECRETARY, General Post
Office, Wellington.

(Telegram.)

Melbourne, 1st July, 1902.

YOUR wire to-day: 1. Rates to Port Darwin stations are same as to any other place in Australia, 2. Australian transit rate on New Caledonian business to and from New Zealand is one penny per word. 3. Commonwealth Press rates are the same *via* Eastern as *via* Pacific.

No. 20.

The MANAGER IN AUSTRALASIA, Eastern Extension Company, Melbourne, to the SECRETARY,
General Post Office, Wellington.

Eastern Extension, Australasia, and China Telegraph Company (Limited),
Melbourne, 28th July, 1902.

SIR,—

I have the honour to inform you that my company, in view of the cessation of military operations in South Africa and China, have decided to discontinue all special rates and arrangements for troop messages to and from both countries from the 1st October next.

I have, &c.,

W. WARREN,

The Secretary, General Post Office, Wellington.

Manager in Australasia.

No. 21.

The SECRETARY, General Post Office, Wellington, to the MANAGER IN AUSTRALASIA, Eastern
Extension Company, Melbourne.

SIR,—

General Post Office, Wellington, 17th October, 1902.

I have the honour, by direction, to acknowledge the receipt of your letter of the 23rd May last, confirming your cablegram with reference to the reduced rates for international telegrams from New Zealand, and expressing the hope that your company's telegram-forms would now be accepted by this Government.

In reply, I am to express the Postmaster-General's regret that, after reconsidering the question, he is still unable to see his way to accede to your request.

I have, &c.,

W. GRAY, Secretary.

W. Warren, Esq., Manager in Australasia, the Eastern Extension, Australasia,
and China Telegraph Company (Limited), Melbourne.