

informed that the attempt to cancel the Telegram has failed.

Cancellation only by Sender.

45. When a Telegram has been accepted for transmission, it cannot be cancelled, nor can its transmission be suspended or interfered with, on the application of any person except the sender or addressee.

Delivery to known Addressee anywhere.

46. If the addressee of a Telegram is known to the messenger, it may be delivered wherever on the road to the address the messenger may meet with him, but only on payment of such sum, if any, as would have been payable for the delivery of the Telegram if it had been delivered at the address of delivery.

Interruptions.

47. When by reason of an interruption of the means of telegraphic communication a Telegram cannot be transmitted by telegraph, notice of the interruption is, if practicable, given to the sender, together with a statement of the cost of forwarding and delivering the Telegram by special means, and on payment of such cost the Telegram will be forwarded and delivered accordingly, or the sender may at his option cancel the Telegram, in which case, and whether the Telegram shall or shall not have been transmitted from the office of origin, all moneys already paid by him will be returned on application to the Secretary of the Post Office, at any time within three calendar months.

48. When by reason of an interruption in the means of telegraphic communication a Telegram cannot be transmitted by telegraph, and the sender cannot be found, or if found, declines either to cancel the Telegram or to pay for its transmission by special means, the Telegram will be forwarded and delivered without extra charge by post, or in such other manner as the Postmaster-General may deem practicable.

Indecent Telegrams not Transmitted.

49. No Telegram will be transmitted which contains anything indecent, obscene, or libellous, or of a grossly offensive character.

Redirection and Retransmission of Telegrams.

50. Telegrams may at the request of the sender or receiver be re-directed and re-transmitted by Telegraph on payment in respect of each re-transmission of an additional charge of the same amount as that payable on the original transmission.

Arbitrary Addresses.

51. Any person may register at any Telegraph Office an abbreviated or arbitrary address to be used by his correspondents in Telegrams intended for him, together with the corresponding full or correct address, on payment of the yearly registration fee hereinafter mentioned, and during the period of 12 months after such registration. Telegrams received at such Office, with the abbreviated or arbitrary address, will be delivered at the corresponding full or correct address, but the abbreviated or arbitrary address is to consist of not less than two words, one of which is to be the town or place of delivery.

Special Instructions as to Delivery.

52. Any person may register at any Telegraph Office special instructions as to the delivery of Telegrams at a different address in the case of a change of residence or place of business, and as to the delivery of Telegrams at times when his place of business is closed, on payment of the yearly registration fee hereinafter mentioned, and during the period of 12 months after such registration. Telegrams will be delivered in

accordance with such instructions. Provided always, that if the delivery of a Telegram, in pursuance of such special instructions, involves its re-transmission by Telegraph an additional charge equal in amount to the sum chargeable for the original transmission is payable for the re-transmission of such Telegram.

Fee under 55 and 56.

53. The registration fee in respect of the services mentioned in the last two preceding clauses, or either of such services, is the sum of 21s. per annum, which is payable in advance at the time of registration.

Telegrams to be called for.

54. Any Telegram addressed to a Telegraph Office or Post Office "to be called for" is retained for two days. At the end of that time the Telegram if not called for is treated as incapable of delivery.

Receipts for Telegrams.

55. The sender of a Telegram is entitled on payment of two pence to a receipt signed by the forwarding Postmaster or Telegraph Clerk in the following form or in such other form as the Postmaster-General shall from time to time approve, that is to say:—

This is to certify that I have this day received a Telegram No. _____ to be forwarded _____ and that charges thereon amounting to £ _____ have been duly paid.

Postmaster-General not to be liable for Losses.

56. The Postmaster-General is not liable for any loss or damage which may be incurred or sustained by reason or on account of any mistake or default in the transmission or delivery of a Telegram, or for any other loss or damage incurred or sustained in connection with telegraphic communication.

Address for Applications.

57. All applications made to the Postmaster-General in pursuance of these Regulations are to be made by letter addressed to the Secretary of the Post Office London, Edinburgh, or Dublin.

Dated this twelfth day of August, one thousand eight hundred and seventy-nine.

John Manners, Postmaster-General.

We hereby consent to the Regulations herein set forth,

Crichton,

J. D. H. Elphinstone,

Two of the Commissioners of Her Majesty's Treasury.

I, THE Right Honourable John James Robert Manners, commonly called Lord John Manners, Her Majesty's Postmaster-General, with the consent of the Commissioners of Her Majesty's Treasury, given under the hands of two of the said Commissioners, whose names are hereunder signed and written, by virtue of the powers vested in me by the Telegraph Act, 1868, and of every other power enabling me in this behalf: Do hereby make the following Regulations for fixing the sums to be from time to time paid for the transmission of such messages as are hereinafter called Press Messages, and for services rendered in connection therewith, and for the general conduct of telegraphic business in respect of such messages.

1. The expression, "a Press Message," means a Telegram which is transmissible by the Postal Telegraphs at a special rate of charge in pursuance of a contract, agreement, or arrangement entered