

REGULATIONS AS TO FOREIGN  
TELEGRAMS.

I, THE Right Honourable Sir James Ferguson, Baronet, G.C.S.I., M.P., 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 power vested in me by the Telegraph Act (1885), 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 Foreign Telegrams, and for services rendered in connexion therewith, and for the general conduct of Telegraphic business in relation to Foreign Telegrams.

*Short Title.*

I. These Regulations may be cited as the Foreign Telegram Regulations, 1892.

*Interpretation.*

II. In these Regulations, unless the context otherwise requires:—

The expression "Foreign Telegram" means a Telegram originating in or destined for a place out of the United Kingdom.

The expression "United Kingdom" includes the Channel Islands and the Isle of Man.

The expression "European Telegram" means a Foreign Telegram originating in a place and destined for a place both of which places under the provisions of the International Telegraph Convention belong to the European system of telegraphy.

The expression "Extra European Telegram" means a Foreign Telegram originating in or destined for a place which does not belong to the European system of telegraphy.

The expression "Inland Telegram" means a Telegram originating in a place and destined for a place each within the United Kingdom.

The expression "Ordinary Telegram" means a Foreign Telegram written in plain language, that is to say, in words, figures, or letters, combined into sentences or phrases, conveying an intelligible meaning in any language admitted in International Telegraph correspondence in any State a party to the International Telegraph Convention (hereinafter referred to as an admitted telegraph language), and such expression shall include part of a Telegram.

The expression "Code Telegram" means a Foreign Telegram written in preconcerted language, that is to say, in words intelligible in themselves, but not combined into sentences or phrases conveying an intelligible meaning in an admitted telegraph language; and such expression includes part of a Telegram.

The expression "Cypher Telegram" means a Foreign Telegram, which, though composed of groups of figures (or of letters in the cases hereinafter mentioned) does not comply with the definition of an Ordinary Telegram or a Code Telegram, and such expression includes part of a Telegram.

The expression "Service Telegram" means a Telegram forwarded from a place within the United Kingdom to a Foreign Telegraph Office, or from a Foreign Telegraph Office to a place within the United Kingdom at the request and cost of the sender or receiver of an original Foreign Telegram for the purpose of obtaining information or giving instructions respecting such original Foreign Telegram.

The expression "Authorized List of Offices" means the list of Foreign Telegraph Offices for

the time being published by the International Telegraph Office at Berne.

*Classes of Telegrams.*

III. (1.) Foreign Telegrams are of three classes—

- (a.) Ordinary Telegrams.
- (b.) Code Telegrams, and
- (c.) Cypher Telegrams.

(2.) A Telegram may be partly an Ordinary Telegram, partly a Code Telegram, and partly a Cypher Telegram.

(3.) Code Telegrams and Cypher Telegrams shall be accepted for transmission to such countries only as are willing to receive and deliver them.

*Code Telegrams.*

IV. (1.) Code Telegrams (whether European Telegrams or Extra-European Telegrams) may contain words taken from any or all of the following languages, viz., English, French, German, Italian, Spanish, Portuguese, Dutch, and Latin, but if any word used in a Code Telegram shall exceed ten letters in length, such word shall be charged for extra as hereinafter mentioned.

(2.) Proper names shall not be used in the text of Code Telegrams except in their natural sense.

(3.) The following words forming part of a Code Telegram shall be chargeable as Cypher, viz. :—

(a.) Any proper name used otherwise than in its natural sense.

(b.) Any word of more than ten letters used otherwise than according to its ordinary meaning in plain language.

(c.) Any other word not admissible in a Code Telegram.

(4.) If there is any doubt as to whether a proper name is used in its natural sense or not the sender may be required to produce and explain his code.

(5.) If there is a doubt whether any expression is a genuine word the sender may be required to show it in a standard dictionary to be selected by the Postmaster-General.

(6.) Any word in plain language occurring in a Code Telegram shall be charged for as if it formed part of an Ordinary Extra-European Telegram.

*Cypher Telegrams.*

V. (1.) A Cypher Telegram sent or received by a private person must be wholly in figures except that it may comprise trade marks composed of secret letters, and also that the signals of the Universal Commercial Code may be included in Telegrams to and from Semaphore Stations.

(2.) Government Cypher Telegrams may consist either of figures or of letters, but may not contain both figures and letters.

(3.) Any word in plain language or in Code occurring in a Cypher Telegram shall be charged for as part of an Ordinary or Code Telegram, as the case may be.

(4.) Words incorrectly spelled, so as to reduce the number of letters below the maximum number of letters allowed as one word or words incorrectly joined together, contrary to the usage of the language, shall be charged for as Cypher in any Telegram in which they occur.

(5.) When a Telegram is expressed in the language of the country of the office of delivery the decision of that office in any question arising under the last sub-section shall be final.

*Charges for Transmission.*

VI. (1.) The charges for the transmission of a Foreign Telegram shall be at such rates per