

It is proposed that the necessity for summoning the debtor should be done away ; he may be absent from the colony or keeping out of the way ; and the court of this colony at any rate has no power to serve such a summons out of its own jurisdiction. Summoning the debtor also entails expense and delay.

Between England, Ireland, and Scotland, a certificate of judgment obtained in any one of the three countries is filed in any other, and execution issues at once, without further proceedings, just as if such judgment had been obtained in the country in which the certificate is filed.

It is proposed to place these colonies in a similar position as to the judgments of their respective Supreme Courts as England, Ireland, and Scotland stand in with reference to the issuing of execution on the judgments of their superior courts.

GRAHAM BERRY,
President.

THURSDAY, 16TH MAY.

Mr. BURNS : To move (*contingent on Sir James Wilson's sub-motion No. 3 being carried*)—

That in the event of an agreement being arrived at with the Eastern Extension Company for the duplication of the cable from Singapore to Port Darwin, the South Australian Government should increase the number of their stations on their Port Darwin line, and also reduce their charge for International messages passing over their lines to a maximum rate of one shilling per word.

Mr. BURNS : To move, That the rate per word to be charged by the said company for messages between Port Darwin and Madras and Port Darwin and Rangoon shall not exceed :—For all messages of the Governments of the colonies contributing to the subsidy and press messages to or for such colonies

shillings	;	for other messages	shillings.
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Mr. CUTHBERT : To move, That such subsidy shall cease whenever the profits of the company are sufficient to pay a dividend of £10 per cent. on the capital invested.

Mr. MEIN : To move—

That the Queensland lines of telegraph terminating at Kimberley, in the Gulf of Carpentaria, be connected with the terminus of the Eastern Extension Telegraph Company's cables at Port Darwin by means of a cable from Kimberley to the mouth of the Roper River, and thence by a land line to Port Darwin.

That the land line from the Roper River be constructed and maintained at the cost of South Australia, and that so long as such line shall be maintained in full working order the other colonies shall pay to South Australia an annual sum equal to six pounds per centum of the original capital amount expended by that colony in the construction of such line.

That the cable between Kimberley and the Roper River be constructed at the joint cost of the different Australasian Colonies, except South Australia, such colonies to contribute thereto in amounts proportionate to their population as officially estimated on the 31st day of December 1877; and that the income derivable from such cable be set apart as a reserve fund for the renewal thereof.

That the rate payable to South Australia for international messages transmitted across the present trans-continental line be reduced to 1s. per word.

That the rate to be charged by South Australia for international messages between Port Darwin and the Roper River be 4d. per word.

That the rate to be charged for international messages by the cable between the Roper River and Kimberley be 6d. per word.

That the rate to be charged by Queensland for international messages across their lines of telegraph shall not exceed 2d. per word.

That in all instances the senders of international messages shall be at liberty to elect the route by which such messages shall be forwarded ; and that, in the event of no election being made at the time of the delivery of messages for transmission, messages to and from New Zealand, New South Wales, and Queensland shall be transmitted by way of the Queensland lines, the new route to be established between Kimberley and Port Darwin, and all other messages shall be transmitted by way of the present trans-continental line of South Australia.

Sir JAMES WILSON : To move—

(8a.) That in consideration of the advantage afforded to the Australasian Colonies by the maintenance by Queensland of a duplicate land line of telegraph [*terminating at Normantown*] the colonies represented at this Conference consent to recognise an extension of the Queensland line from Normantown to a point on the trans-continental line (say Daly Waters, 368 miles south of Port Darwin), which would practically constitute a duplication of the land telegraph, as forming part of the common system of telegraphic communication between Australasia and Europe, within the meaning of Resolution 1.

(8b.) That so soon as such connecting line shall have been erected by Queensland the colonies represented at this Conference shall contribute to the maintenance of the same to the extent of an annual subsidy of say 6 per cent. on a capital outlay of say not exceeding £

(9a.) That on the completion of the duplicate cable, the charge for transmission on the South Australian trans-continental line be reduced to 1s. per word ; and should any further reduction be hereafter deemed necessary the loss to South Australia shall be borne by the other Australasian Colonies rateably in proportion to population.

(9b.) That the charges for transmission from England to Port Darwin, and from Port Darwin to England, shall be 5s. per word for Government messages, and 2s. 6d. per word for Press messages.

GRAHAM BERRY,
President.