

Resolved, on the motion of Mr. Montgomery, That the telegram from J. Ballance to Hon. J. Sheehan, dated 21st September, 1879, be eliminated from the inquiry.

Resolved, on the motion of Mr. Wakefield, That Mr. Maginnity be instructed to furnish the Committee with copies of all telegrams on electioneering matters in the late general election sent or received by members of the late Government at the public cost.

Mr. Sheehan, M.H.R., attended and inspected the originals of his telegrams produced by Mr. Maginnity.

Resolved, on the motion of Mr. Wakefield, That the Chairman ask the House for a week's extension of time for bringing up the report.

Resolved, That Mr. Sheehan, M.H.R., and Mr. A. T. Maginnity be summoned to attend as witnesses at the next meeting of the Committee.

The Committee then adjourned till 10.30 a.m. on Monday, 24th November.

MONDAY, 24TH NOVEMBER, 1879.

The Committee met pursuant to notice.

Present: Mr. Bowen, Hon. Mr. Gisborne, Mr. Macandrew (Chairman), Mr. Montgomery, Mr. Pitt, Mr. Saunders, Mr. Turnbull, Mr. Wakefield.

The minutes of the previous meeting were read and confirmed.

Order of reference of the 21st November, extending the time for bringing up the report, was read. Mr. A. T. Maginnity, Assistant Secretary, Telegraph Department, attended, and produced copies of telegrams as follows, in accordance with resolution of the Committee at its last meeting:—

Date.	Sender.	To Whom Sent.
23 August, 1879	W. H. Grace	Hon. J. Sheehan.
15 "	"	"
30 "	Colonel Whitmore	Sir G. Grey.
16 "	A. A. F. Allan, N.A.	W. H. Grace.
20 "	J. Sheehan	T. W. Lewis.
20 "	"	Sir G. Grey (42).
20 "	"	(43).
28 "	J. Grimmond	Hon. J. Macandrew.
28 "	Sir G. Grey	Colonel Whitmore.
19 "	Colonel Whitmore	Sir G. Grey.
20 "	— Bush, R.M.	Hon. J. Sheehan.
16 "	F. McGuire	Hon. J. Macandrew.
30 "	W. H. Grace	Hon. J. Sheehan.
21 "	J. Sheehan	Sir G. Grey.
24 "	A. Warbrick	Hon. J. Sheehan.
21 "	J. Sheehan	Sir G. Grey.
14 "	W. H. Grace	Hon. J. Sheehan.
27 "	Sir G. Grey	Colonel Whitmore.
18 "	J. Ballance	Hon. J. Macandrew.
"	"	"
1 September,	W. H. Grace	Hon. J. Sheehan.
3 "	Sir G. Grey	"
3 "	"	W. McCullough.
3 "	"	Messrs. Ehrenfried and Douglas.
3 "	J. Sheehan	J. S. Shanks.
11 "	Colonel Whitmore	Sir G. Grey.
11 "	"	Hon. J. Sheehan.
9 "	Sir G. Grey	Colonel Whitmore.
9 "	"	F. McCarthy.
10 "	Colonel Whitmore	Hon. J. Sheehan.

In reply to a question by the Hon. Mr. Gisborne, Mr. Maginnity stated that the copies produced were taken from the originals, and that none of these telegrams had been paid for. He also stated that their money value was £14 16s. 3d.

Mr. Maginnity then withdrew.

The above copies of telegrams were read by the Chairman to the Committee.

The Chairman withdrew, and the chair was taken by Mr. Pitt.

Mr. Maginnity was recalled and examined, his evidence being taken down by a shorthand reporter. (*Vide Minutes of Evidence.*)

Resolved, That Sir George Grey, K.C.B., Hon. Colonel Whitmore, and Mr. Sheehan be summoned as witnesses at the next meeting of the Committee.

The Committee then adjourned till 10.30 a.m. to-morrow.

TUESDAY, 25TH NOVEMBER, 1879.

The Committee met pursuant to notice.

Present: Mr. Bowen, Hon. Mr. Gisborne, Mr. Macandrew (Chairman), Mr. Montgomery, Mr. Turnbull, Mr. Saunders, Mr. Wakefield.