

Table No. 16.

COMPARATIVE TABLE showing the Progress of the Telegraph Department during the Financial Years ended 30th June, 1866, to 30th June, 1879; 31st March, 1880, to 31st March, 1882; and Calendar Years ended 31st December, 1882, to 31st December, 1891.

Year ended	Number of Miles of Line.	Number of Miles of Wire.	Number of Stations	Number of Telegrams forwarded during the Year.			Revenue derived from Private and Press Messages, Money-order Telegrams, and Incidental Receipts.		Value of Government Messages.	Total Value of Business done during the Year.	Cost of Maintenance of Stations.	Cost of Maintenance of Lines, excluding Australian cable subsidy.	Total Expenditure.	Cost of Maintenance of Lines per Mile.	Tariff in Operation.
				Private and Press.	Government.	Total.	£	s. d.							
30th June, 1866	699	1,390	13	24,761	2,746	27,497	5,561	19 2	483	3 4	3,934	3 4	6,377	6 3	Mileage tariff. Mileage tariff in operation up to 1st Sept., 1869; uniform 2s. 6d. tariff from 1st Sept., 1869, to 31st March, 1870; and 1s. tariff from 1st April, 1870. From 1st November, 1873, address and signature given in free. From 1st Jan., 1886, delayed telegrams posted to addressees immediately after their receipt at offices of destination.
" 1867	757	1,498	21	55,621	15,331	70,952	9,070	10 1	3,770	4 8	8,917	4 7	10,558	9 6	
" 1868	1,110	2,123	31	72,241	26,244	98,485	11,652	3 7	6,072	0 3	9,489	17 10	14,896	5 1	
" 1869	1,329	2,495	45	106,070	50,097	156,167	18,520	10 4	13,430	11 9	14,961	7 4	22,813	17 4	
" 1870	1,661	2,897	56	122,545	62,878	185,423	17,218	4 4	14,266	12 7	16,417	7 4	30,537	12 2	
" 1871	1,976 (a)	3,247	72	253,582	59,292	312,874	22,419	8 8	9,876	17 6	21,254	4 3	32,598	7 11	
" 1872	2,185 (b)	3,823	81	344,524	67,243	411,767	28,121	10 0	11,043	3 9	23,593	9 9	32,452	9 4	
" 1873	2,356 (c)	4,574	93	485,507	83,453	568,960	39,680	18 9	11,105	2 0	27,040	18 10	36,520	4 2	
" 1874	2,530 (d)	5,782	105	645,067	107,832	752,899	46,508	18 10	12,618	11 6	38,801	19 4	53,823	17 3	
" 1875	2,986 (e)	6,626	127	786,237	136,891	917,128	55,301	12 3	13,679	10 9	45,814	11 4	60,655	10 11	
" 1876	3,154 (f)	7,247	142	890,382	160,704	1,051,086	62,715	16 4	16,154	6 0	61,696	14 5	82,771	3 1	
" 1877	3,259 (g)	7,423	155	932,283	172,159	1,104,442	65,644	15 3	17,024	8 9	63,353	10 10	81,284	18 10	
" 1878	3,434 (h)	8,035	182	1,065,481	194,843	1,260,324	73,284	1 10	19,148	12 4	69,340	1 8	87,599	6 5	
" 1879	3,512 (i)	8,117	195	1,201,982	246,901	1,448,943	85,402	0 2	26,949	2 2	79,502	0 5	96,801	8 3	
31st March, 1880	3,638 (j)	9,333	214	824,734	183,675	1,008,409	58,120	3 3	19,707	6 3	68,651	10 10	83,409	15 3	
" 1881	3,758 (k)	9,587	227	1,058,342	246,370	1,304,712	73,002	2 0	27,021	3 8	78,224	1 8	101,378	9 11	
" 1882	3,824 (l)	9,653	234	1,215,849	222,933	1,438,772	78,828	19 8	22,737	10 4	69,165	5 0	87,457	18 4	
" 1883	3,974 (m)	9,848	264	1,301,817	208,372	1,570,189	90,633	11 2	20,608	11 11	73,554	9 1	99,005	15 4	
" 1884	4,074 (n)	10,037	302	1,379,483	219,917	1,599,400	93,822	3 3	15,378	2 5	73,954	4 6	92,264	11 0	
" 1885	4,264 (o)	10,474	330	1,433,458	220,847	1,654,305	95,634	5 5	16,490	5 0	70,036	6 2	99,078	2 0	
" 1885	4,463 (p)	10,931	375	1,533,496	240,867	1,774,273	101,652	8 0	24,800	9 0	77,082	4 4	97,882	10 6	
" 1886	4,546 (q)	11,178	412	1,583,717	252,543	1,836,260	106,638	12 2	27,281	4 9	133,919	16 11	121,402	18 2	
" 1887	4,646 (r)	11,375	437	1,589,771	245,623	1,835,394	106,548	4 0	30,205	11 10	139,753	15 10	121,321	2 9	
" 1888	4,790 (s)	11,617	473	1,548,233	217,630	1,765,863	106,311	11 6	23,164	13 11	72,201	13 5	95,463	14 5	
" 1889	4,874 (t)	12,812	489	1,589,157	213,830	1,802,987	106,462	18 4	24,218	9 3	75,426	7 5	101,433	11 5	
" 1890	5,148 (u)	12,812	520	1,734,381	226,780	1,961,161	110,696	17 8	26,070	12 7	76,845	1 10	104,391	3 10	
" 1891	5,349 (v)	13,235	573	1,746,115	222,149	1,968,264	117,633	15 9	24,840	5 7	85,658	4 11	114,644	15 9	

(a) From this mileage 78 miles to be deducted before computing the cost per mile for maintenance.

(b) From this mileage 32 miles to be deducted before computing the cost per mile for maintenance.

(c) From this mileage 42 miles to be deducted before computing the cost per mile for maintenance.

(d) From this mileage 106 miles to be deducted before computing the cost per mile for maintenance.

(e) From this mileage 31 miles to be deducted before computing the cost per mile for maintenance.

(f) From this mileage 174 miles to be deducted before computing the cost per mile for maintenance.

(g) From this mileage 150 miles to be deducted before computing the cost per mile for maintenance.

(h) From this mileage 85 miles to be deducted before computing the cost per mile for maintenance.

(i) From this mileage 116 miles to be deducted before computing the cost per mile for maintenance.

(j) From this mileage 109 miles to be deducted before computing the cost per mile for maintenance.

(k) From this mileage 95 miles to be deducted before computing the cost per mile for maintenance.

Year	Number of Miles of Line	Number of Stations	Total Expenditure (£)	Cost of Maintenance of Lines per Mile (£)
"	32	"	66	"
"	42	"	100	"
"	106	"	190	"
"	31	"	199	"
"	174	"	83	"
"	150	"	100	"
"	85	"	144	"
"	116	"	84	"
"	109	"	274	"
"	95	"	201	"