

(20.) Subject to the consent of the Federal Government, nothing in this agreement contained shall prevent the Extension Company from closing their station at Roebuck Bay at any time hereafter and taking up the cable which lands at that place.

(21.) The Federal Government may, at any time after clause 15 is in operation, and so often as it pleases, appoint a confidential officer to peruse and inspect all telegrams received at the offices of the Extension Company within the Commonwealth, and all messages handed to the Extension Company at its said offices for transmission.

(22.) Notwithstanding anything contained in this agreement, the Extension Company shall, with respect to the treatment over their whole system of cables of telegrams originating in or destined for or passing in transit through the territories of the Commonwealth, observe the provisions of the International Telegraph Convention of St. Petersburg of the 10th–22nd July, 1875, and any Service Regulations which may for the time being be in force in relation to the Commonwealth under the said provisions, and the Extension Company shall be deemed to be bound by the said Convention and regulations as though the Extension Company had been a party to the said Convention.

(23.) The Extension Company will not sell, assign, or dispose of any of the cables of the Extension Company ordinarily used for the transmission of messages between the Commonwealth and the United Kingdom, or from one part of the Commonwealth to another, without first giving to the Government of the Commonwealth and of the United Kingdom, or either of them, the option of purchasing such cable or cables, and all property rights and privileges of the Extension Company in connection therewith, at a price which, if not mutually agreed upon, shall be fixed by arbitration.

(24.) This agreement is made subject to the approval of the Parliament of the Commonwealth of Australia, which may be evidenced either by Act of Parliament or by the passage of resolutions affirming this agreement in and by each House of the said Parliament, and shall take effect from the date on which such Bill shall have received the Royal assent or such resolutions shall have been adopted in the House which last affirms this agreement.

(25.) This agreement shall remain in force until the 31st day of October, 1913, and thenceforth until terminated by two calendar years' notice in writing by either party, such notice to expire at the end of some calendar year.

In witness whereof the Right Hon. Sir Edmund Barton, P.C., K.C.M.G., K.C., on behalf of the Government of the Commonwealth of Australia, has hereunto set his hand and seal, and the Extension Company has hereunto caused its common seal to be affixed, the day and year first above written.

Signed, sealed, and delivered by the above-named Right Hon. Sir Edmund Barton, P.C., G.C.M.G., K.C., on behalf of the Government of the Commonwealth of Australia, in the presence of—ATLEE HUNT.

EDMUND BARTON.

The common seal of the Eastern Extension, Australasia, and China Telegraph Company (Limited) was hereunto affixed in the presence of—

Director.
General Manager.

THE SCHEDULE.

TARIFF per WORD and APPORTIONMENT of Australasian Terminal Charges for Traffic exchanged between Australasia and Europe, or transiting Europe, on and after 1st September, 1902, and to come into operation upon further Reductions of Rates taking place under the Provisions of Article 5.

Table A.

	Ordinary.				Government. (British, Imperial, and Colonial.)				Press.			
	The Commonwealth.	Extension Company: Tasmania Cable.	Darwin, Roebuck Bay, Perth, or Adelaide and Europe.	TOTAL.	The Commonwealth.	Extension Company: Tasmania Cable.	Darwin, Roebuck Bay, Perth, or Adelaide and Europe.	TOTAL.	The Commonwealth.	Extension Company: Tasmania Cable.	Darwin, Roebuck Bay, Perth, or Adelaide and Europe.	TOTAL.
States of the Commonwealth (except Tasmania)	s. d. 0 5	s. d. ..	s. d. 2 7	s. d. 3 0	s. d. 0 4	s. d. ..	s. d. 1 3½*	s. d. 1 7½*	s. d. 0 2	s. d. ..	s. d. 0 10	s. d. 1 0
Tasmania	0 5	0 3	2 4	3 0	0 4	0 3	1 0½*	1 7½*	0 2	0 1½	0 8½	1 0

Table B.

	Ordinary.				Government. (British, Imperial, and Colonial.)				Press.			
	s. d.	s. d.	s. d.	s. d.	s. d.	s. d.	s. d.	s. d.	s. d.	s. d.	s. d.	s. d.
States of the Commonwealth (except Tasmania)	0 4	..	2 2	2 6	0 3	..	1 1	1 4	0 2	..	0 10	1 0
Tasmania	0 4	0 3	1 11	2 6	0 3	0 3	0 10	1 4	0 2	0 1½	0 8½	1 0

* These rates came into operation for Government telegrams on 20th January, 1903.