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VICTORIA.

TELEGRAPHIC CABLE BETWEEN CANADA
AND AUSTRALIA.

RETURN to an Order of the Legislative Council,

Dated 24th July 1888, for—

COPIES of all Correspondence with the Secretary of State for the Colonies with the Government of Canada, and (if any) with the other Australasian Colonies, relative to the Laying of a Telegraphic Cable between Canada and Australia, or to a Preliminary Marine Survey having that object in view.

(*The Honorable James Service.*)

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ABSTRACT.

No.	From Whom.	To Whom.	Subject.	Date.	Page.
P. 86/3709	Mr. Sandford Fleming, Ottawa, Canada	Mr. A. Denkin, Chief Secretary of Victoria	Submits proposals for connecting the Australasian Colonies by Submarine Telegraph with Canada, and through Canada with Great Britain. Encloses printed documents in relation thereto. <i>Vide Appendix 1</i>	1886. 4 Nov.	7
P. 86/3710	Mr. Sandford Fleming	Mr. Denkin ...	Encloses Parliamentary Returns and other printed documents on the same subject. <i>Vide Appendix 2</i>	8 ...	8
No. 87/48	The Secretary to the Premier	Mr. Sandford Fleming	Acknowledges the receipt of the foregoing letters; the subject will receive consideration	1887. 6 Jan.	8
No. 87/280	Mr. Owen Jones, Secretary (<i>pro tem.</i>) to the Pacific Telegraph Company Limited	Mr. Gillies, Premier of Victoria	Forwards a statement respecting the Company which has been formed for the establishment of telegraphic communication between Great Britain and Australasia by the Pacific route; states the advantages of the route	1886. 8 Dec.	9
No. 87/300	The Secretary to the Premier	Mr. Owen Jones ...	Acknowledges the receipt of the above; the subject will be considered	1887. 27 Jan.	10
No. 87/482	The Secretary to the Premier	Mr. Owen Jones ...	Informs that communication of the 8th December has been carefully perused by the Postmaster-General; also by the Premier; however, pending the deliberations of the Colonial Conference in London, Ministers are holding the matter over	9 Feb.	10
P. 87/280	Sir Graham Berry, Agent-General	Mr. Gillies ...	Forwards a copy of the Pacific Cable Company's proposals; also copy of a letter from the Chairman of the Eastern Extension Company, with enclosures	1886. 24 Dec.	11
Enclosure 1	Mr. Owen Jones ...	Mr. Gillies ...	<i>Vide P.87/280 supra.</i>		
Enclosure 2	Mr. Pender, Chairman, Eastern Extension Telegraph Company	Mr. Gillies ...	Furnishes information as to the existing Telegraph Cables and the best method for ensuring cheap tariffs for Cables; also a Memorandum relative to the proposed Pacific Cable	23 ...	11
No. 87/516	Mr. Gillies ...	Sir Graham Berry ...	Acknowledges the receipt of the above letter; informs of having already received Mr. Owen Jones's letter of 8th December, and encloses copy of reply. <i>Vide No. 87/482 supra.</i>	1887. 11 Feb.	16
P. 87/773	Hon. E. Stanhope, Secretary of State for the Colonies	Sir H. B. Loch, Governor of Victoria	Asks for a reply to Mr. Pender's letter and memorandum of 23rd December. <i>Vide enclosures to P.87/280 supra.</i>	13 Jan.	16
P. 87/1018	Sir Graham Berry ...	Mr. Gillies ...	Forwards copy of a letter from the Secretary of the Pacific Telegraph Company enclosing a reply to Mr. Pender's Memorandum	11 Mar.	16
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Enclosure 2	Mr. Sandford Fleming	Mr. Baillie Hamilton, Secretary to the Colonial Conference	Brings the preceding letter under notice	16 ..	21
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Enclosure 4	Secretary to the Admiralty	Under Secretary, Colonial Office	States that the Hydrographer will confer with Mr. Fleming. Suggests, however, that the desired soundings be not taken specially, unless the matter be urgent	28 ..	22
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P.O. 87/3278	Hon. H. Finch-Hatton	Mr. F. T. Derham, Postmaster-General of Victoria	Requests favorable consideration for the Pacific Cable Company's proposal to lay a Cable from Vancouver Island to Australia, as laid before the Colonial Conference on 6th May, 1887	12 ..	24
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Enclosure	Memorandum by Mr. Sandford Fleming, as above described	26 ..	26
No. 87/4818-23	Mr. Gillies ...	Premiers, &c., of the Australasian Colonies	Telegram. Suggests that the proposed survey be set forward by the Colonial Ministries moving their several Governors to recommend the adoption by the Imperial Government of the Colonial Conference Resolutions of 6th May	23 Dec.	30
No. 87/4823	Mr. Gillies ...	Sir Graham Berry ...	Telegram. Directs inquiry to be made if Mr. Fleming's letter to the Colonial Office of the 8th June has yet been answered	23 ..	30
P. 87/4098	Sir H. A. Atkinson, Premier of New Zealand	Mr. Gillies ...	Telegram. States that he has acted on Mr. Gillies' suggestion of the 23rd inst.	24 ..	30

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No. 87/4366	Mr. Gillies	... Sir S. W. Griffith	... Telegram. States that he had felt sure of the concurrence of Queensland with the course he is taking. Inquires as to objections to this course	28 "	31
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P. 87/4144	Sir S. W. Griffith	... Mr. Gillies	... Telegram. Thinks that Governors should not be moved until Mr. Sandford Fleming's proposals have been considered	30 "	31
No. 87/4912	Mr. Gillies	... Sir S. W. Griffith	... Telegram. Explains as to the course of procedure which he had in view	30 "	31
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Enclosure 2	Sir Graham Berry	... Mr. Gillies	... Telegram. <i>Vide P. 88/137 supra.</i>		
P. 88/619	Sir S. W. Griffith	... Mr. Gillies	... Telegram. Asks whether Victoria has made representations to the Imperial Government in re, and how the matter stands generally	1888. 24 Feb.	33
No. 88/767	Mr. Gillies	... Sir S. W. Griffith	... Telegram. Gives the present position of the matter as desired, and thinks that the Home Government might now be addressed in re	25 "	33
No. 88/897	Mr. Gillies	... Sir H. B. Loeh	... Brings under notice a Resolution of the recent Postal Conference regarding the proposed Pacific Cable Survey, and asks that the Imperial Government may be moved to underwrite the survey accordingly	5 Mar.	33
No. 88/978	Mr. Gillies	... Sir Graham Berry	... Forwards copy of the above ...	9 "	34
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No. 88/1798	Mr. Gillies	... Sir H. B. Loch	... Acknowledges the receipt of the foregoing, and, with a view of expediting the object desired, encloses for transmission to the Colonial Office a copy of the Postal Conference Report, containing its Resolution on the subject	5 May	34
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APPENDICES.

1. Enclosures to Mr. Sandford Fleming's letter of 4th November, 1886.
2. Memorandum by Mr. Sandford Fleming, with documents attached (enclosed in letter of 8th November, 1886), bearing date 20th November, 1886.
3. The Pacific Telegraph Company's proposals as first submitted to the Colonial Conference, dated 20th April, 1888.
4. Two papers submitted by Mr. Sandford Fleming to the Colonial Conference on 27th April and 6th May, 1888.
5. Statement showing the countries through which Australian and European telegrams pass—
 - (a.) From Victoria to England, via Asia.
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