

QUEENSLAND.

Legislative Assembly.

REPORT FROM THE SUPERINTENDENT OF ELECTRIC TELEGRAPHS ON THE CONDITION OF HIS DEPARTMENT.

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Department of Electric Telegraph,
 Superintendent's Office,
 Brisbane, 18th April, 1866.

SIR,

I have the honor to submit, for your information, the following Report on the condition of this Department during the year 1865.

In so doing, for convenience of reference, and in order that the progressive development of the department in point of utility as a branch of the public service may be more distinctly traced, it will perhaps be desirable to adhere as closely as practicable to the form and arrangement adopted on previous occasions, and I will, therefore, first refer to Extensions of Lines—completed, in progress, and proposed.

EXTENSION COMPLETED.

Hawkwood to Taroom—This branch line, 84½ miles in length, was commenced 2nd June and completed 29th December last, the timber work having been executed under contract, and the wiring by Government, in a thoroughly serviceable manner. The cost of this line, exclusive of the station building at Taroom, was £2,915 16s. 8d., or £34 14s. 2d. per mile. The station was open for business on 29th December, and has proved to be a great public convenience to the surrounding district.

LINES IN COURSE OF CONSTRUCTION.

St. Lawrence to Bowen.—Owing to the prevalence of wet weather between December and February last, and to other casualties, this section of the northern extensions which was commenced in August last, cannot, I regret to say, be completed within the contract time; 165 miles have been finished, and strenuous exertions are now being made to complete the remainder, a distance of 65 miles. It may therefore reasonably be expected that the entire section will be available in about four months from the present date.

Branch Line, Dalby via Condamine to Roma.—This branch line was commenced 25th January last, has been completed to a distance of 60 miles, and, as active measures have been taken to secure such a result, it is probable the remaining distance will be in working order by the end of July next. It is intended to include this line within the enclosure of the Great Southern and Western Railway, which will both serve for protection and to facilitate repairs when required.

Business connected with the various extensions and opening new lines and stations, has necessitated my absence from Brisbane during the year 1865, at various times, a total period of 175 days, during which time I have travelled, by land and water, a total distance of 7,266 miles.

EXTENSIONS PROPOSED.

1. *Branch line, Nebo to Clermont*—a distance of about 95 miles, for the construction of which, in the absence of eligible offers, tenders have been re-invited.

2. *Coast line from Bowen via Townsville to Cardwell*—respecting which it is only necessary to observe that the proposed route is now under survey.

3. *Trunk line, from a point yet to be selected, on the line between Bowen and Cardwell to the Albert River, estimated length, say 500 miles*.—The paramount importance of this extension demands a fuller notice.

I need scarcely remind you that although desirable, by anticipation for colonial purposes, the ulterior object of an early commencement of this line is to hasten the advent of telegraphic communication with Europe, by affording facilities for effecting a junction with the Anglo-Indian lines already in existence, through the medium of the projected sub-marine line from Rangoon, *viâ* Singapore and Java, to the Australian continent. Having, in my report of 19th June, 1865, endeavored to point out the extreme feasibility of the projected undertaking, it may suffice to remark that more mature consideration since bestowed on the subject has not weakened my conviction, nor induced me to alter the opinions there expressed,—“That the attention of British capitalists has only to be drawn to the intentions and proceedings of the Government in this behalf to ensure revival and speedy carriage into effect of the design promulgated in the prospectus of the Anglo-Australian and China Telegraph Company.” The refusal of South Australia to combine with Queensland in furtherance of this end, by carrying the colonial land line from the boundary of its northern territory to the Adelaide River, as the nearest point of union with the proposed Singapore-Java submarine line, is of little consequence. The mouth of the Albert River will serve nearly, if not quite, as well for a junction site, whilst its selection for the purpose will confer on this colony the not small advantage of commanding the earliest intelligence, as well as the principal profits of the line. The needful funds being available, as shown in my last report, from the loan already authorised, there is nothing to obstruct the intentions of the Queensland Government in reference to the Gulf extension. As a preliminary measure, Mr. F. Walker, with a well equipped party, consisting of four Europeans and four aboriginal assistants, left Rockhampton on 19th ultimo for Bowen, *en route* to the Albert and Gulf shore, thoroughly to explore and survey the country with a view to discover the most eligible route; and I trust, at an early date, to be able to furnish you with such a report of the results as may at once enable and induce the Government to enter into arrangements for immediate construction of the requisite works.

CONDITION AND WORKING OF LINES.

Extensive repairs having been effected on the seventy-five mile section, between Toowoomba and the New South Wales boundary, the southern, or inter-colonial, line from Brisbane to the border has been placed in perfect working order. The northern lines have not needed repairs, and continue in good condition. During the past year, indeed, all the several lines throughout the colony have on the whole worked satisfactorily. Interruptions have of course sometimes occurred, the duration and causes whereof will be found stated in Appendix No. 2, carefully compiled from the records of the central office. The interruptions in question might have been in many instances avoided, had timely notice of intention to fell timber in close vicinity to the lines been forwarded to the nearest station. It may be anticipated that these interruptions will decrease as the country becomes settled, and the work of clearing and road making is completed. Instructions have been issued to Station Masters and officers in charge to rigorously prosecute, (under the provisions of the Telegraph Act), any persons wilfully or carelessly causing interruption. Making allowance for the great distance between the northern stations, on some sections upwards of one hundred miles, when interruptions have occurred communication has, in every instance, been promptly re-established.

EXTENT OF LINES IN OPERATION.

On the date of my last report 1,022½ miles of line were in effective operation; the gross total is now 1,131½ miles, distributed as follows:—Brisbane to Southern Boundary, 157; Brisbane to Cape Moreton, 95; Brisbane to St. Lawrence, 562½; Maryborough to Taroom, 227½; Rockhampton to Gladstone, 89½. Future reports will, I trust, show a more than corresponding increase in the extent, both of trunk and branch lines, in operation, until the maximum of public convenience, which the means of telegraphic communication affords, has been fully attained.

FINANCE.

Statements of accounts relating to the finances of this department, during the year 1865, will be found in Appendix No. 1. From this it will be observed that cash received amounted to £10,343 9s. 5d.; value of O.H.M.S. business transmitted, £3,039 2s. 5d. The total revenue for the year was £13,382 11s. 10d. The expenditure was—salaries, £7,286 15s. 11d.; contingencies, £2,784 3s.; amount paid to other Colonies for Inter-colonial business forwarded, £2,155 16s. This will show that the revenue has been in excess of expenditure, £1,155 16s. 11d. Of the amount paid to other Colonies, £232 10s. 10d. has been paid in cash for O.H.M.S. business, for which this department has only

been credited in value. I would, therefore, suggest the propriety of Intercolonial O.H.M.S. telegrams being paid for in cash. The advantages of telegraphic communication appear to be fully appreciated by the several Government departments—8,997 O.H.M.S. messages having been transmitted during the year 1865, being an increase of 4,665 in number, and £1,637 8s. 3d. in value over the previous year. A statement of revenue and expenditure for the first three months of the current year is also appended. (Appendix No. 3.)

SHIPPING INTELLIGENCE AND METEOROLOGICAL OBSERVATIONS.

Considerable improvements have been effected in the transmission of shipping intelligence. Arrivals at Cape Moreton, or any of the northern ports in connection by telegraph with Brisbane, are at once communicated to every station in the Colony by free messages, containing names and descriptions of vessels, ports of departure, and any other available interesting information. The state of the sea at Cape Moreton at 9 a.m. is daily notified to the head office, and from thence promptly communicated to the northern ports. Wind and weather reports are received from all stations daily at 9 a.m., and published at the central office for general information. These arrangements, I am happy to say, have been attended with acknowledged benefit and convenience to local, marine, and commercial interests. Meteorological observations are daily recorded by the Station Master at Warwick; and I would suggest that the Station Masters at Cape Moreton, Hawkwood, Maryborough, Gladstone, Rockhampton, Nebo, and Bowen, be provided with the necessary instruments and instructions by the Meteorological department. These observations to be forwarded periodically to the Government Observer at Brisbane, to be recorded and compiled by him for reference.

PROGRESS OF THE ELECTRIC TELEGRAPH IN AUSTRALIA.

The development of telegraphic communication in the Australian Colonies has been so remarkably rapid, and attended with such eminent success, as seemingly, on view of its bearing on local interests, to invite at least a cursory notice before bringing my report to a close. Within four months, the completion of the St. Lawrence and Bowen section will establish an unbroken chain of lines from Adelaide to Bowen, coastwise, a distance of 2,700 miles. Not only, however, are South Australia, Victoria, New South Wales, and Queensland in connection with each other, but they are severally intersected by numerous trunk and branch lines; which, again, are continually being multiplied and extended in all directions. An extension now in progress from Deniliquin, New South Wales, to the South Australian boundary of that colony, with a view to bring Sydney and Adelaide into direct communication—the connection at present being *via* Melbourne—is worthy of special notice, as tending to improve intercourse between those capitals and Brisbane. New South Wales, indeed, appears at this time to be even more than usually enthusiastic in the cause of telegraph extension, as, apart from it being in contemplation to undertake several new lines, the Superintendent of Telegraphs in that colony left by the November overland mail to proceed to England, the Continent of Europe, and the United States of America, with a design to the acquisition of information tending to promote the efficiency of his department. But the progress of the telegraph in Australia can, perhaps, be shown by a brief appeal to statistics. The first Australian line, from Melbourne to Williamstown (Victoria), was completed in February, 1854; at the present date, 2,862½ miles of line, and 77 stations, are in effective operation in that colony. The South Australian Government opened their first line, from Adelaide to the port, in February, 1856; they have now 1,074 miles of lines, and their stations are 37 in number. In October, 1857, the first line, from Sydney to Liverpool, was completed. New South Wales now possesses 3,177 miles of lines, and 54 stations; whilst, in Queensland, although the first line, from Brisbane to Ipswich, was only opened on 13th April, 1861, 1,131½ miles, and 26 stations, are now, and in all probability, within six months, 1,534 miles, and 32 stations, will be in effective operation. Such figures as the foregoing, representing 8,245 miles of line and 194 stations, opened in the space of twelve years, render further comment superfluous—save mention of the fact that the telegraph revenue returns in all the colonies above-mentioned, coupled with a concurrent growing demand for new lines, satisfactorily indicate that the utility of the service is popularly appreciated.

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W. J. CRACKNELL,
Superintendent of Electric Telegraphs.

The Honorable the Postmaster-General.

APPENDIX

Table

RETURN showing each MONTH'S RECEIPTS at the various ELECTRIC TELEGRAPH STATIONS,

1865.	BRISBANE.				LYTTON.				CLEVELAND.			
	Cash.		Value O.H.M.S.		Cash.		Value O.H.M.S.		Cash.		Value O.H.M.S.	
	No. of Messages.	Amount.	No. of Messages.	Amount.	No. of Messages.	Amount.	No. of Messages.	Amount.	No. of Messages.	Amount.	No. of Messages.	Amount.
January ...	1,059	£ 325 19 4	232	£ 96 14 6	...	...	10	£ 1 13 2	...	...	...	...
February ...	937	280 1 0	222	85 15 2	...	...	14	2 16 6	...	...	...	...
March ...	1,174	351 5 3	286	108 13 9	3	0 7 2	12	2 2 2	42	5 12 11	1	0 5 6
April ...	1,139	348 5 10	229	77 7 6	6	0 14 8	10	2 16 8	33	5 4 10	5	0 17 10
May ...	1,265	354 11 0	288	114 17 8	10	0 6 4	10	1 10 10	29	4 0 10	3	0 8 0
June ...	1,169	339 0 7	122	81 14 5	...	...	20	2 16 2	46	6 9 0	5	1 1 2
July ...	1,230	393 6 8	339	97 3 0	...	...	28	5 3 2	41	5 4 2	6	1 2 4
August ...	1,282	380 13 7	315	99 16 1	...	...	22	5 18 8	43	5 6 0	4	0 10 6
September ...	1,235	386 5 6	314	113 17 1	1	0 2 0	7	2 6 6	35	5 13 8	9	2 0 0
October ...	1,236	378 5 7	334	133 13 10	1	0 6 4	16	3 10 0	30	3 10 8	6	1 2 4
November ...	1,135	352 11 4	298	108 18 8	10	0 12 3	8	1 16 8	42	5 8 8	4	0 14 6
December ...	1,050	320 2 6	320	87 15 0	10	0 10 0	9	1 14 0	43	6 0 8	9	2 2 4
	13,962	4,220 7 1	3,250	1,203 5 8	17	2 18 9	166	33 4 6	387	52 18 3	52	10 4 6
1865.	WOOBAROO.				IPSWICH.				GRANDCHESTER.			
January ...	3	0 7 6	5	0 16 0	533	101 11 10	63	19 6 4	...	...	...	...
February ...	8	1 15 0	24	3 10 2	548	105 10 8	64	18 7 8	...	...	...	...
March ...	4	0 9 4	10	2 9 2	551	104 9 9	59	14 16 2	...	...	...	...
April ...	1	0 2 6	4	0 12 8	491	88 11 5	55	12 9 8	...	...	...	...
May ...	4	0 11 6	...	...	592	101 5 3	81	19 6 7	...	...	...	...
June ...	4	0 15 0	8	2 16 2	550	117 2 6	68	17 12 8	...	...	...	...
July ...	2	0 4 6	6	1 0 8	640	119 13 8	98	22 18 11	...	...	...	...
August ...	3	0 9 4	9	1 8 8	636	113 14 0	107	39 17 6	62	6 14 6	67	10 1 0
September ...	5	0 12 8	1	0 5 6	576	107 3 0	154	34 16 9	37	4 13 0	61	10 19 0
October ...	4	0 11 8	6	2 0 8	556	110 9 10	135	32 7 2	32	4 12 4	57	9 13 10
November ...	2	0 9 0	1	0 4 6	613	112 18 7	161	38 8 10	37	5 17 10	57	8 12 2
December ...	...	...	...	...	648	102 18 11	116	26 12 4	31	5 6 8	43	6 6 6
	40	6 6 0	73	14 4 2	6,878	1,285 9 3	1,221	297 11 0	191	28 0 4	285	45 4 0
1865.	DALBY.				DURAM.				HAWKWOOD.			
January ...	123	25 3 0	36	14 9 0	1	0 3 3	...	...	6	3 6 2	...	...
February ...	156	44 18 9	35	17 13 10	16	0 3 0	...	...	9	4 3 7	1	0 5 3
March ...	166	40 1 5	13	5 12 3	11	2 19 11	...	...	60	11 18 3	...	...
April ...	164	40 12 2	55	20 3 10	4	0 17 0	...	...	25	8 1 0	...	...
May ...	173	35 3 7	50	20 14 4	9	3 1 1	...	...	28	7 10 11	...	...
June ...	173	36 6 7	59	20 1 6	15	2 17 8	...	...	28	8 17 2	1	0 3 6
July ...	150	29 10 11	32	9 16 6	6	1 4 10	...	...	41	12 7 10	...	...
August ...	109	22 4 3	29	8 5 10	9	1 9 3	...	...	20	3 5 7	...	...
September ...	86	14 18 7	24	18 3 4	31	0 5 9	...	...	456	168 9 12	3	0 15 6
October ...	138	29 1 1	42	14 9 2	4	0 18 6	...	...	18	5 14 2	1	0 18 6
November ...	108	23 2 1	41	18 1 8	7	1 2 2	2	0 7 6	44	15 16 4	5	3 1 10
December ...	162	31 10 6	18	7 8 7	9	1 6 8	...	...	17	5 18 2	2	1 1 0
	1,708	374 12 11	453	184 0 2	97	20 4 2	2	0 7 6	280	91 4 4	13	6 5 7
1865.	MARYBOROUGH.				BANANA.				ROCKHAMPTON.			
January ...	18	...	...	0 12 9	25	4 19 0	...	...	373	146 8 7	42	17 14 9
February ...	...	5 11 11	2	...	23	6 8 2	...	0 12 3	370	146 1 7	39	18 15 2
March ...	203	63 9 8	46	14 13 11	29	4 11 10	5	0 16 6	472	184 15 1	57	27 2 4
April ...	189	55 18 0	31	13 3 5	21	5 16 10	7	2 5 2	416	165 4 1	65	25 7 7
May ...	137	37 16 6	20	12 0 11	35	6 17 8	5	2 10 5	456	168 9 12	66	30 7 9
June ...	148	42 5 6	22	10 0 10	11	3 2 9	5	1 16 9	431	169 9 6	62	22 14 10
July ...	151	45 6 0	26	14 1 10	15	3 10 1	3	0 9 4	425	143 7 9	76	35 0 9
August ...	179	49 15 4	29	18 3 4	31	0 5 9	3	0 9 11	459	166 11 0	79	35 16 8
September ...	165	47 7 3	38	10 4 7	14	3 11 7	3	1 19 10	444	162 15 2	60	34 5 11
October ...	221	61 12 10	40	18 9 1	16	2 7 0	6	2 7 3	516	171 17 9	114	48 9 7
November ...	158	55 8 2	50	25 15 6	23	5 1 7	8	1 6 10	391	145 1 2	102	39 5 10
December ...	183	55 4 10	44	17 16 10	45	9 2 1	20	6 2 2	351	135 14 0	82	31 13 9
	1,782	519 16 6	357	147 10 0	278	61 3 0	71	20 16 4	5,115	1,889 5 4	856	336 14 11

No. 1.

No. I.

distinguishing PAID and ON HER MAJESTY'S SERVICE business, during the Year 1865.

DUNSWICH.				PILOT STATION.				CAPE MORITON.			
Cash.		Value O.H.M.S.		Cash.		Value O.H.M.S.		Cash.		Value O.H.M.S.	
No. of Messages.	Amount.	No. of Messages.	Amount.	No. of Messages.	Amount.	No. of Messages.	Amount.	No. of Messages.	Amount.	No. of Messages.	Amount.
£ s. d.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.
...	...	3	0 10 3	2	0 6 0	13	2 9 3	...	...	42	10 9 9
...	...	4	1 1 0	...	...	19	3 7 3	...	...	32	6 16 7
25	4 10 3	45	12 4 2	4	1 7 10	17	3 2 3	...	...	36	7 18 6
7	1 4 0	11	3 7 6	3	0 16 0	16	4 4 5	...	...	29	6 11 9
...	...	4	1 12 7	...	...	10	2 10 10	...	...	28	5 10 9
...	...	4	1 4 6	2	0 10 3	16	4 0 9	...	...	31	6 5 5
16	2 9 11	20	7 18 0	...	...	16	3 11 9	1	0 3 0	18	4 0 9
18	2 17 9	45	17 3 3	...	...	11	2 9 5	...	...	16	3 8 3
7	1 12 9	47	24 4 9	3	0 13 4	11	1 17 9	...	...	35	7 2 3
2	0 9 1	13	7 7 7	...	...	20	3 16 3	...	...	39	8 9 0
1	0 2 0	17	6 4 2	...	...	8	1 10 6	...	...	39	8 0 3
2	0 5 8	14	4 8 4	4	0 12 4	20	4 10 3	1	0 3 0	41	8 10 0
77	13 11 5	227	87 6 1	18	4 5 9	177	37 2 8	2	0 6 0	350	83 3 3

GATTON.				TOOWOONBA.				WARWICK.			
...	...	...	...	304	60 8 9	48	14 6 4	112	41 1 3	29	15 13 4
...	...	...	...	217	45 17 2	41	12 13 3	125	33 8 6	32	17 12 11
...	...	...	...	250	56 13 1	31	13 12 8	127	31 15 10	46	21 14 0
9	1 0 2	1	0 5 4	246	55 16 2	57	17 3 8	102	24 0 4	17	5 5 3
48	6 1 7	6	0 19 4	287	83 3 3	54	16 18 11	112	24 8 8	25	10 3 3
86	4 13 1	10	1 17 6	326	72 19 10	46	16 19 0	123	29 9 1	14	3 11 5
61	9 10 10	10	2 12 6	316	63 12 3	62	14 15 7	126	27 8 10	16	6 14 10
69	9 19 6	8	1 16 5	368	82 18 2	43	16 9 4	153	35 16 3	22	7 19 7
67	10 13 4	9	1 17 6	313	64 7 11	40	10 15 5	115	25 15 10	43	9 13 6
43	5 17 9	5	1 1 0	343	78 17 5	60	23 1 1	107	22 9 4	21	14 1 1
51	8 5 0	18	3 4 10	359	76 12 6	51	16 10 10	122	23 5 0	11	4 13 7
56	7 14 8	7	1 18 8	330	65 12 6	35	13 14 5	142	32 0 5	13	6 12 7
441	63 15 11	74	15 13 1	3,637	786 19 0	668	185 0 6	1,460	335 19 4	271	123 14 4

TAROOM.				GAYNDAL.				GOLDEN FLEECE.			
...	...	...	...	11	2 11 7	1	0 10 6	3	0 6 8	...	...
...	...	...	...	76	15 7 9	6	1 4 9	11	1 5 2	1	0 3 6
...	...	...	...	97	25 15 5	22	14 17 8	11	1 16 9	3	0 10 6
...	...	...	...	89	16 7 7	16	15 9 11	17	2 9 8	...	...
...	...	...	...	102	25 5 4	9	2 14 8	6	1 10 8	...	...
...	...	...	...	80	15 16 9	7	3 6 8	14	2 1 1	...	...
...	...	...	...	85	21 2 5	13	4 17 4	-1	2 19 6	...	...
...	...	...	...	84	17 14 4	21	9 17 9	26	4 14 8	...	...
...	...	...	...	85	23 5 5	29	11 17 6	12	2 7 5	1	0 2 0
...	...	...	...	86	25 5 3	17	6 18 1	8	1 7 6	8	3 9 8
...	...	...	...	78	19 8 10	48	21 5 9	17	5 15 4	6	2 3 0
...	...	3	2 18 0	874	207 12 8	189	93 0 2	146	26 19 5	18	6 7 8

GLADSTONE.				MALLEBOROUGH.				ST. LAWRENCE.				TOTAL.			
33	9 6 8	3	1 7 1	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	2,694	719 1 6	626	185 10 2
40	11 16 8	3	1 6 3	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	2,459	702 1 3	535	191 15 5
76	15 12 3	11	4 11 0	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	3,246	890 13 7	682	241 1 7
35	9 7 7	11	3 2 7	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	2,999	839 2 3	628	220 3 0
34	9 19 5	7	1 13 9	...	0 16 0	3	1 2 9	28	7 5 2	14	10 10 5	3,316	851 4 0	676	236 15 7
60	13 7 9	14	5 7 1	21	5 7 11	16	4 4 0	30	9 4 6	9	5 16 6	3,530	889 1 10	539	216 12 4
55	15 14 7	13	4 7 1	13	3 2 2	11	5 4 6	43	14 7 3	9	5 16 6	3,529	900 0 1	815	245 4 8
105	32 10 10	10	2 9 4	26	8 3 10	11	3 10 6	69	16 1 5	3	1 0 9	3,735	933 10 2	906	258 14 4
60	19 11 1	10	3 15 2	47	11 12 2	7	2 12 4	55	14 8 3	7	2 7 10	3,576	909 2 5	929	293 9 8
88	26 18 6	29	11 0 3	16	6 1 10	6	1 6 8	33	7 3 4	4	1 13 0	3,568	937 10 0	907	263 4 2
61	16 19 9	12	2 17 11	18	3 10 3	15	4 11 3	26	6 0 7	12	3 16 8	3,176	831 16 5	830	265 19 4
748	208 5 11	153	55 5 8	174	42 7 7	78	24 14 0	322	83 0 6	50	25 8 8	38,700	10,243 9 5	8,997	3,039 2 5

Table

RETURN showing AMOUNTS EXPENDED in SALARIES and CONTINGENCIES at the several

1865.	SUPERINTENDENT'S OFFICE.		BRISBANE.		LYTTON.		CLEVELAND.	
	Salaries.	Contingencies.	Salaries.	Contingencies.	Salaries.	Contingencies.	Salaries.	Contingencies.
	£ s. d.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.
January	92 18 4	...	85 10 0	56 19 3	8 6 8	...	...	...
February	70 16 8	...	84 13 4	6 6 10	8 6 8	...	...	...
March... ..	85 16 8	10 0 0	84 13 4	128 18 7	8 6 8	...	5 0 0	33 17 6
April	79 3 4	...	84 13 4	7 0 2	8 6 8	...	...	49 16 0
May	79 3 4	...	84 13 4	...	...	...	...	1 0 6
June	79 3 4	15 5 0	84 13 4	37 10 4	16 13 4	...	5 0 0	10 4 6
July	79 3 4	5 0 0	84 13 4	56 9 3	...	...	...	...
August	79 3 4	...	84 13 4	45 15 4	16 13 4	...	...	...
September	79 3 4	10 0 0	90 13 4	91 19 4	8 6 8	...	5 0 0	2 10 0
October	85 12 7	...	86 6 8	3 2 0	8 6 8	...	...	...
November	95 16 8	23 13 6	86 6 8	22 7 10	8 6 8	...	...	...
December	95 16 8	12 0 0	86 6 8	80 17 4	8 6 8	...	5 0 0	7 10 0
TOTAL	£ 1,901 17 7	75 18 6	1,036 16 8	537 6 3	100 0 0	...	20 0 0	95 18 6

1865.	GRANDCHESTER.		GATTON.		TOOWOOMBA.		WARWICK.	
	£ s. d.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.
January ... ..	...	...	...	...	40 11 8	2 16 6	38 18 4	2 0 0
February ... ..	...	...	...	...	49 11 8	2 0 0	38 18 4	2 0 0
March... ..	...	...	...	...	40 11 8	39 12 11	38 18 4	31 12 0
April ... ..	...	...	...	...	40 11 8	...	38 18 4	...
May ... ..	...	...	8 6 8	13 1 0	39 6 8	1 9 6	38 18 4	...
June ... ..	...	21 13 0	8 6 8	...	39 6 8	37 5 0	38 18 4	32 2 9
July	9 11 8	0 10 0	8 6 8	0 10 0	39 6 8	5 5 0	38 18 4	1 10 0
August	9 11 8	...	8 6 8	3 0 0	39 6 8	30 17 7	38 18 4	1 0 0
September	9 11 8	...	8 6 8	8 10 0	39 6 8	94 17 4	38 18 4	20 3 4
October	9 11 8	1 15 0	8 6 8	1 0 0	39 6 8	2 0 0	38 18 4	72 15 1
November	9 11 8	1 0 0	8 6 8	...	39 6 8	26 10 0	38 18 4	36 1 7
December	9 11 8	...	8 6 8	39 0 0	39 6 8	12 16 0	38 18 4	42 18 6
TOTAL	£ 57 10 0	24 18 0	66 13 4	65 1 0	477 0 0	255 9 10	467 0 0	242 3 3

1865.	GAYDAH.		GOLDEN FLEECE.		MARTBOROUGH.		BANANA.	
	£ s. d.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.
January	29 3 4	...	14 11 8	...	16 13 4	9 10 0	29 3 4	...
February	29 3 4	2 0 0	...	2 0 0	16 13 4	2 0 0	29 3 4	2 0 0
March... ..	29 3 4	12 12 0	29 3 4	10 10 0	21 0 0	1 10 0	29 3 4	18 2 0
April	29 3 4	...	14 11 8	1 16 0	21 0 0	...	29 3 4	...
May	29 3 4	...	14 11 8	0 10 0	21 0 0	...	29 3 4	...
June	29 3 4	14 13 10	14 11 8	11 3 6	21 0 0	...	29 3 4	17 4 6
July	29 3 4	1 0 0	14 11 8	0 10 0	21 0 0	5 10 0	29 3 4	0 10 0
August	29 3 4	0 10 0	14 11 8	1 0 0	21 0 0	0 10 0	29 3 4	...
September	29 3 4	39 8 9	14 11 8	36 0 0	21 0 0	48 13 0	29 3 4	48 12 0
October	29 3 4	...	14 11 8	1 5 0	21 0 0	12 10 0	29 3 4	...
November	29 3 4	13 0 0	14 11 8	0 10 0	21 0 0	...	29 3 4	...
December	29 3 4	15 4 3	14 11 8	10 0 0	21 0 0	10 14 0	29 3 4	32 12 0
TOTAL	£ 350 0 0	89 8 10	175 0 0	75 4 6	243 6 8	90 17 0	359 0 0	119 6 6

No. II.

Telegraph Stations throughout the Colony in each Month during the Year 1865.

DUNWICH.		PILOT STATION.		CAPE MOLETON.		WOOGAEROO.		IPSWICH.	
Salaries.	Contingencies.	Salaries.	Contingencies.	Salaries.	Contingencies.	Salaries.	Contingencies.	Salaries.	Contingencies.
£ s. d.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.
...	1 10 0	...	0 10 0	...	0 10 0	...	...	44 10 0	6 0 3
...	1 0 0	...	...	...	...	...	...	44 10 0	2 0 0
5 0 0	...	7 10 0	...	7 10 0	...	5 0 0	...	44 10 0	24 6 4
...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	44 10 0	3 3 6
...	2 0 0	...	...	...	...	...	...	44 10 0	15 1 6
5 0 0	...	7 10 0	...	7 10 0	...	5 0 0	...	44 10 0	16 1 8
...	6 0 0	...	3 0 0	...	2 10 0	...	...	44 10 0	30 6 2
...	...	...	45 11 0	...	38 17 10	...	...	49 10 0	8 13 0
5 0 0	4 0 0	7 10 0	59 7 8	7 10 0	4 0 0	5 0 0	...	49 10 0	31 11 6
...	2 0 0	...	2 0 0	...	...	...	...	49 10 0	2 15 8
...	...	...	2 18 0	...	...	...	...	49 10 0	7 4 6
5 0 0	...	7 10 0	0 15 0	7 10 0	...	5 0 0	...	49 10 0	34 11 8
20 0 0	16 10 0	30 0 0	114 1 8	50 0 0	45 17 10	20 0 0	...	550 0 0	181 14 9
VENTERFIELD (Repeating Station).		DALEY.		DURAH.		HAWKWOOD.		TAROOM.	
£ s. d.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.
15 0 0	...	32 10 0	2 6 0	14 11 8	5 1 0	29 3 4	2 16 0	...	...
...	2 0 0	32 10 0	9 0 0	...	2 0 0	29 3 4	2 15 0	...	...
50 0 0	13 0 0	32 10 0	13 9 0	29 3 4	12 16 0	29 3 4	11 14 10	...	...
25 0 0	...	32 10 0	...	14 11 8	...	29 3 4	...	...	...
25 0 0	...	32 10 0	1 5 0	14 11 8	...	29 3 4	...	...	...
25 0 0	16 13 0	32 10 0	14 6 6	14 11 8	10 0 0	29 3 4	17 18 4	...	...
25 0 0	...	32 10 0	4 6 6	14 11 8	5 9 6	29 3 4	5 10 0	...	...
25 0 0	...	32 10 0	5 11 0	14 11 8	2 16 0	29 3 4	0 5 0	...	...
25 0 0	22 8 0	32 10 0	16 11 0	14 11 8	19 16 0	29 3 4	26 14 7	...	...
25 0 0	...	29 3 4	25 1 0	14 11 8	2 0 0	29 3 4	2 12 0	...	...
25 0 0	...	29 3 4	40 0 0	14 11 8	...	29 3 4	...	...	...
25 0 0	4 10 0	29 3 4	12 19 8	14 11 8	13 15 0	29 3 4	11 10 4	14 11 8	...
290 0 0	58 11 0	380 0 0	144 15 8	175 0 0	73 12 6	350 0 0	81 15 1	14 11 8	...
ROCKHAMPTON.		GLADSTONE.		MARLBOROUGH.		ST. LAWRENCE.		TOTAL.	
£ s. d.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.
36 16 8	3 0 0	29 3 4	7 10 0	...	...	...	...	557 11 8	100 8 0
41 3 4	7 6 0	29 3 4	...	...	...	...	...	494 16 8	44 7 10
41 3 4	18 13 7	29 3 4	10 0 0	...	...	...	...	652 19 0	390 14 9
41 3 4	...	29 3 4	3 9 10	...	...	...	...	561 13 4	56 5 6
41 3 4	16 0 6	29 3 4	2 15 0	...	...	14 11 8	...	575 0 0	53 3 0
41 3 4	34 2 1	29 3 4	13 9 0	29 3 4	6 13 4	14 11 8	8 18 4	659 16 8	335 5 2
41 3 4	2 0 0	29 3 4	5 0 6	14 11 8	0 10 0	14 11 8	0 10 0	599 3 4	141 16 11
41 3 4	3 5 0	29 3 4	0 10 0	14 11 8	...	14 11 8	...	620 16 8	187 19 9
41 3 4	65 19 3	29 3 4	10 0 0	14 11 8	12 5 0	14 11 8	12 0 0	687 10 0	676 6 9
41 3 4	10 16 0	29 3 4	3 16 0	14 11 8	0 15 6	14 11 8	1 8 0	617 5 11	147 11 3
41 3 4	0 19 2	29 3 4	34 6 6	14 11 8	...	14 11 8	1 7 6	627 10 0	209 18 7
41 3 4	64 3 9	29 3 4	10 0 0	14 11 8	10 0 0	14 11 8	14 8 0	672 1 8	440 5 6
459 13 4	226 5 4	350 0 0	100 17 4	116 13 4	90 3 10	116 13 4	38 11 10	7,286 15 11	2,784 3 0

Table No. III.

RETURN showing TOTAL AMOUNT of COLLECTIONS, NUMBER of MESSAGES transmitted, and AMOUNT EXPENDED in SALARIES and CONTINGENCIES, at the various TELEGRAPH STATIONS, during the Year 1865.

STATION.	RECEIPTS.					EXPENDITURE.			
	CASH.		VALUE "O.H.M.S."		TOTAL.		SALARIES.	CONTINGENCIES.	TOTAL.
	No. of Messages.	Amount.	No. of Messages.	Amount.	No. of Messages.	Amount.			
£ s. d.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.	
Superintendent's Office	...	...	...	...	...	1,001 17 7	75 18 6	1,077 16 1	
Brisbane	13,992	4,220 7 1	3,250	1,203 5 8	17,242	5,423 12 9	1,036 16 3	537 6 3	1,574 2 11
Lytton	17	2 18 9	166	33 4 6	183	36 3 3	100 0 0	...	100 0 0
Cleveland	387	52 18 3	52	10 4 6	439	63 2 9	20 0 0	95 18 6	115 18 6
Dunwich	77	13 11 5	227	87 6 1	304	100 17 6	20 0 0	16 10 0	36 10 0
Pilot Station	18	4 5 9	177	37 2 8	195	41 8 5	30 0 0	114 1 8	144 1 8
Cape Moreton	2	0 6 0	390	83 3 3	392	83 9 3	30 0 0	45 17 10	75 17 10
Woogaroo	40	6 6 0	73	14 4 2	113	20 10 2	20 0 0	...	20 0 0
Ipswich	6,878	1,285 9 3	1,221	297 11 0	8,099	1,563 0 3	559 0 0	181 14 9	740 14 9
Grandchester	191	28 0 4	285	45 4 0	476	73 4 4	57 10 0	24 18 0	82 8 0
Gatton	441	63 15 11	74	15 13 1	515	79 9 0	66 13 4	65 1 0	131 14 4
Toowoomba	3,637	786 19 0	568	185 0 6	4,205	971 19 6	477 0 0	255 9 10	732 9 10
Warwick	1,496	355 19 4	271	123 14 4	1,767	479 18 8	467 0 0	242 3 3	709 3 3
Tenterfield (Repeating Station)	...	...	...	...	...	...	200 0 0	58 11 0	348 11 0
Dalby	1,708	374 12 11	455	184 0 2	2,163	558 13 1	380 0 0	144 15 8	524 15 8
Durah	97	20 4 2	2	0 7 6	99	20 11 8	175 0 0	73 12 6	248 12 6
Hawkwood	280	91 4 4	13	6 5 7	293	97 9 11	350 0 0	81 15 1	431 15 1
Taroom	...	...	3	2 18 0	3	2 18 0	14 11 8	...	14 11 8
Gayndah	874	207 12 8	189	93 0 2	1,063	300 12 10	350 0 0	89 8 10	439 8 10
Golden Fleece	146	26 19 5	18	6 7 8	164	33 7 1	175 0 0	75 4 6	250 4 6
Maryborough	1,782	519 16 6	357	147 10 0	2,139	667 6 6	243 6 8	90 17 0	334 3 8
Banana	278	61 3 0	71	20 16 4	349	81 19 4	350 0 0	119 0 6	469 0 6
Rockhampton	5,115	1,889 5 4	856	336 14 11	5,971	2,126 0 3	489 13 4	226 5 4	715 18 8
Gladstone	748	206 5 11	153	55 5 8	901	261 11 7	350 0 0	100 17 4	450 17 4
Marlborough	174	42 7 7	76	24 14 0	250	67 1 7	116 13 4	30 3 10	146 17 2
St. Lawrence	322	83 0 6	50	25 8 8	372	108 9 2	116 13 4	38 11 10	155 5 2
TOTAL	38,700	10,343 9 5	8,997	3,039 2 5	47,697	13,382 11 10	7,286 15 11	2,784 3 0	10,070 18 11

Table No. IV.

RETURN showing DISTRIBUTION of RECEIPTS and EXPENDITURE on each line during the Year 1865.

Name of Line.	Stations.	Miles.	Messages transmitted.	Receipts, including O.H.M.S. business.	Cash Receipts.	SALARIES.	Cost of Maintaining Lines and Stations.	Remarks.
				£ s. d.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.	
Superintendent	...	...	...	...	...	1,001 17 7	75 18 6	Signal Station, Brisbane, charged to Superintendent's Office.
Southern Line	8	157	32,417	8,631 9 8	6,746 16 11	2,974 0 0	1,365 4 1	
Northern Line	7	562½	9,497	3,160 5 0	2,561 17 10	1,978 0 0	714 4 9	Shipping Telegrams passed free.
Cape Moreton Line	5	95	1,513	325 1 2	74 0 2	200 0 0	272 8 0	
Maryborough branch	3	143½	3,366	1,001 6 5	754 8 7	768 6 8	255 10 4	
Taroom branch	1	84	3	2 18 0	...	14 11 8	...	
Gladstone branch	1	89½	901	261 11 7	206 5 11	350 0 0	100 17 4	
TOTAL	25	1,131½	47,697	13,382 11 10	10,343 9 5	7,286 15 11	2,784 3 0	

Table No. V.

TABLE showing the STRENGTH and DISTRIBUTION of the STAFF of the TELEGRAPH DEPARTMENT, during the Year 1865.

Station.	Superintendent.	Accountant.	Station Masters.	Operators.	Clerk.	Line Repairs in charge.	Line Repairs.	Messengers.	Signalman.	Total.
Superintendent's Office	1	1							1	3
Brisbane			1	2	1		1	3		8
Lytton				1	1					1
Cleveland				1						1
Dunwich				1						1
Pilot Station				1						1
Cape Moreton				1						1
Woogaroo				1						1
Ipswich			1	1			1	2		5
Grandchester				1						1
Gatton				1						1
Toowoomba			1				1	1		3
Warwick			1				1	1		3
Tenterfield (repeating station)				1						1
Dalby				1			1			2
Durah						1				1
Hawkwood				1			1			2
Taroom						1				1
Gayndah				1			1			2
Golden Fleece						1				1
Maryborough				1				1		2
Banana				1			1			2
Rockhampton				1				2		4
Gladstone				1			1			2
Marlborough						1				1
St. Lawrence						1				1
TOTAL	1	1	11	12	1	5	10	10	1	52

Table No. VI.

RETURN showing AMOUNT EXPENDED in each Month during the Year 1865.

1865.	SALARIES.	CONTINGENCIES.							
		Incidental Expenses and Stores.	Travelling Expenses.	Maintenance and Repair of Lines.	Forage.	Fuel, light and waier.	Overtime.	Rent.	Total.
January	£ s. d. 557 11 8	£ s. d. 65 7 0	£ s. d. 21 0 0	£ s. d. 14 1 0	£ s. d. ...	£ s. d. ...	£ s. d. ...	£ s. d. ...	£ s. d. 100 8 0
February	494 16 8	35 12 10	1 0 0	7 15 0	...	...	...	...	44 7 10
March	652 10 0	166 13 3	14 10 0	36 19 0	130 0 0	20 10 0	22 11 6	...	390 14 9
April	561 13 4	8 14 0	2 0 0	42 11 0	...	3 0 6	...	...	56 5 6
May	575 0 0	11 13 0	5 0 0	36 10 0	...	...	...	...	53 3 0
June	650 16 8	34 11 6	5 0 0	62 11 6	143 6 8	35 4 6	54 11 0	...	335 5 2
July	599 3 4	115 10 11	11 15 0	8 15 0	...	5 16 0	...	...	141 16 11
August	620 16 8	69 13 4	1 10 0	116 16 5	...	...	...	...	187 19 9
September	657 10 0	86 5 11	27 10 0	158 8 6	150 0 0	39 7 0	28 8 8	186 6 8	676 6 9
October	617 5 11	16 19 2	28 16 0	62 6 1	...	4 8 0	1 12 0	33 10 0	147 11 3
November	627 10 0	33 1 6	21 0 0	45 4 7	...	1 7 6	...	109 5 0	209 18 7
December	672 1 8	58 18 3	9 10 0	78 19 6	150 0 0	30 1 6	22 6 3	90 10 0	440 5 6
TOTAL	7,286 15 11	703 0 8	148 11 0	670 8 7	573 6 8	139 15 0	129 9 5	419 11 8	2,784 3 0

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DEBTOR and CREDITOR STATEMENT.

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1865.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.	1865.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.
To Total Expenditure—			By cash paid into Treasury on account of Collections	10,343 9 5	
Salaries	7,286 15 11		By value of business "On Her Majesty's Service"	3,039 2 5	
Contingencies	2,784 3 0	10,070 18 11			13,382 11 10
To Amount on account of Inter-colonial business, paid to—					
New South Wales	2,057 14 11				
Victoria	90 2 1				
South Australia	7 19 0				
		2,155 16 0			
To balance		1,155 16 11			
TOTAL	£	13,382 11 10	TOTAL	£	13,382 11 10

R. O. BOURNE,
Accountant.

Certified correct,
W. J. CRACKNELL,
Superintendent of Electric Telegraphs.

APPENDIX No. 2.

RETURN showing the INTERRUPTIONS to TELEGRAPHIC COMMUNICATION in QUEENSLAND during the YEAR 1865.

Date.	Designation of Line.	Points of Interruption.	Periods of Interruption.	Supposed or Ascertained Cause of Interruption.	Remarks.
Jan. 7 to 10	Southern line and Northern line	Ipswich and beyond	4 days	Heavy storms, creeks flooded, line submerged	
" 18	Northern line	Dalby and Durah	3½ hours	Tree on line	2½ miles from Durah.
" 23	Northern line	Hawkwood and Banana	8½ hours	Cause unknown	
" 13	Southern and Northern lines	Brisbane and Ipswich	1½ hours	Tree on line near Woogaroo	
Feb. 3	Southern and Northern lines	Ipswich and Toowoomba	1 day	Tree fallen on lines at Turner's Creek	Lines in water.
" 4	Northern line	Toowoomba and Dalby	3 hours	Tree on line 10 miles from Toowoomba	
" 8	Southern and Northern lines	Brisbane and Ipswich	2½ hours	Very heavy thunderstorms	
" 10	Bay line	Brisbane and Lytton	1½ hours	Loose connection in Lytton office	
" 18	Southern and Northern lines	Ipswich and Toowoomba	4 hours	Tree on line 4 miles from Laidley	
March 7	Southern line	Toowoomba and Warwick	5½ hours	Wire broken 30 miles from Warwick	
" 21	Southern and Northern lines	Brisbane and Ipswich	2 hours	Tree fallen on line	
" 25	Maryborough branch	Golden Fleece and Maryborough	5½ hours	Wire broken 7 miles from Golden Fleece	
April 3	Maryborough branch	Golden Fleece and Maryborough	1½ hours	Tree on line 20 miles from Golden Fleece	
" 4	Maryborough branch	Golden Fleece and Maryborough	4½ hours	Tree fallen on line	
" 22	Southern line	Toowoomba and Warwick	3½ hours	Tree on line Glengallan Plains	
" 25	Southern and Northern lines	Ipswich and Toowoomba	6 hours	Tree on lines	Railway party felling trees.
May 4	Southern and Northern lines	Brisbane and Ipswich	3½ hours	Burning tree on lines	
" 5	Southern and Northern lines	Brisbane and Ipswich	3 hours	Trees on lines	
" 4	Gladstone branch	Rockhampton and Gladstone			
" 5	Gladstone branch	Rockhampton and Gladstone	3 days	38 miles from Rockhampton	Cause unknown.
" 6	Gladstone branch	Rockhampton and Gladstone			
" 6	Southern and Northern line	Ipswich and Toowoomba	6 hours	Tree on line Toowoomba side of Alfred	Appeared burnt through by drays camping.
" 8	Northern line	Banana and Rockhampton	2½ hours	Wires twisted and down on road	Dray ran against post.
" 9	Gladstone branch	Rockhampton and Gladstone	3½ hours	Wire snapped in town of Gladstone	
" 10	Southern and Northern line	Gatton and Toowoomba	1½ hours	Tree on line 3 miles from Toowoomba	
" 10	Gladstone branch	Rockhampton and Gladstone	3½ hours		
" 11	Gladstone branch	Rockhampton and Gladstone	1 day	Broken many places	Bush fires.
" 12	Gladstone branch	Rockhampton and Gladstone	1½ hours		
" 15	Northern line	Hawkwood and Banana	6½ hours	Flaw in wire	
" 18	Gladstone branch	Rockhampton and Gladstone			
" 19	Gladstone branch	Rockhampton and Gladstone	3 days	Line down in three places	Bush fires.
" 20	Gladstone branch	Rockhampton and Gladstone			
" 20	Maryborough branch	Golden Fleece and Maryborough	3½ hours	Tree on line 7 miles from Golden Fleece	
" 21	Gladstone branch	Rockhampton and Gladstone	2 days	Burning trees on line	Bush fires.
" 22	Gladstone branch	Rockhampton and Gladstone	7½ hours	Burning tree on line	Bush fires.
June 6	Gladstone branch	Rockhampton and Gladstone	2 hours	Tree on line	
" 6	Northern line	Rockhampton and Banana	1½ hours	Tree on line	Road party felling timber.
" 7	Northern line	Rockhampton and Banana	3½ hours	Tree on line	Iditto.
" 28	Northern line	Marlborough and St. Lawrence	1 day	Burning tree fell on line 23 miles from St. Lawrence	
" 29	Northern line	Marlborough and St. Lawrence	2 hours		
" 30	Northern line	Hawkwood and Banana	1 day	Wire snapped from contraction	Very sharp frost.
July 1	Northern line	Hawkwood and Banana	4 hours		
" 11	Northern line	Dalby and Durah	1½ hours		Heavy gales.
" 12	Northern line	Dalby and Durah	2 hours		
" 12	Maryborough branch	Hawkwood and Gayndah	5½ hours	Wire broken	
" 13	Maryborough branch	Hawkwood and Gayndah	1½ hours	Wire broken	
" 13	Northern line	Rockhampton and Marlborough	1½ hours	Wire broken	Supposed wilfully broken by escaped prisoner.
" 18	Southern and Northern lines	Gatton and Toowoomba	1½ hours	Tree on lines	
" 25	Southern lines	Toowoomba and Warwick	1½ hours	Tree on line near Drayton	
" 26	Maryborough branch	Golden Fleece and Maryborough	4½ hours	Tree on line	Road party felling timber.
" 29	Northern line	Hawkwood and Banana	3½ hours	Rotten tree fallen on line 5 miles from Banana	

APPENDIX No. 2—continued.

Date.	Designation of line.	Points of Interruption.	Periods of Interruption.	Supposed or Ascertained Cause of Interruption.	Remarks.
Aug. 4 ...	Southern and Northern line ...	Ipswich and Bigge's Camp	14 hours	Tree on line 6 miles from Ipswich	
" 5 ...	Maryborough branch ...	Maryborough and Golden Fleece	4½ hours	Tree on line ...	Road party felling timber.
" 14 ...	Northern line ...	Rockhampton and Banana	1 day ...	Burning tree on line ...	Bush fires.
" 15 ...	Northern line ...	Rockhampton and Banana	7½ hours	Burning tree 30 miles from Rockhampton	
" 17 ...	Northern line ...	Dalby and Durah ...	7½ hours	Trees on line in three places ...	Bush fires.
" 18 ...	Northern line ...	Dalby and Durah ...	1 day	...	
Sept. 1 ...	Southern line ...	Warwick and Toowoomba	8 hours	Broken 13 miles of Toowoomba	Cause unknown.
" 4 ...	Maryborough branch ...	Gayndah and Golden Fleece	2 hours	Tree on line 6 miles from Gayndah	Road party felling timber.
" 18 ...	Maryborough branch ...	Hawwood and Gayndah	5 hours	Burnt tree on line ...	Bush fires.
" 20 ...	Maryborough branch ...	Gayndah and Golden Fleece	1 day ...	Break at joint in wire, 30 miles from Golden Fleece	Country flooded.
" 21 ...	Maryborough branch ...	Gayndah and Golden Fleece	6½ hours	...	
" 28 ...	Maryborough branch ...	Gayndah and Golden Fleece	2½ hours	Tree on line 14 miles from Golden Fleece	Road party felling timber.
" 28 ...	Maryborough branch ...	Gayndah and Golden Fleece	14 hours	Tree on line 14 miles from Golden Fleece	Road party felling timber.
Oct. 6 ...	Maryborough branch ...	Gayndah and Golden Fleece	2½ hours	Tree on line 14 miles from Golden Fleece	Road party felling timber.
" 30 ...	Northern line ...	Banana and Rockhampton	3½ hours	Line broken 7 miles from Rockhampton	Railway party.
Nov. 6 ...	Bay line ...	Brisbane and Lytton ...	3 hours	Tree on line near Cleveland Junction	
Dec. 11 ...	Maryborough branch ...	Maryborough and Golden Fleece	8 hours	Tree on line 35 miles from Golden Fleece	Road party felling timber.
" 11 ...	Maryborough branch ...	Hawwood and Gayndah	5 hours	Tree on line 2½ miles from Gayndah	Road party felling timber.
" 11 ...	Northern line ...	Rockhampton and Banana	1 day ...	Tree on line near Dee Creek ...	Heavy gales.
" 12 ...	Northern line ...	Rockhampton and Banana	½ hour	...	
" 14 ...	Maryborough branch ...	Maryborough and Golden Fleece	3½ hours	Burning tree on line 14 miles from Golden Fleece	
" 17 ...	Southern and Northern line ...	Bigge's Camp and Gatton	½ hour...	Burning trees on line ...	Broken in four places.
" 18 ...	Southern and Northern line ...	Bigge's Camp and Gatton	5 hours	Burning trees on line	
" 18 ...	Northern line ...	Rockhampton and Banana	1 day ...	Wire down near Rockhampton	
" 19 ...	Northern line ...	Rockhampton and Banana	¼ hour...	...	Very severe storms.

APPENDIX No. 3.

TABLE showing TOTAL AMOUNT of RECEIPTS and EXPENDITURE at the various TELEGRAPH STATIONS during the first three months of the YEAR 1866.

1866.	Receipts.			Expenditure.		
	Cash Receipts.	Value "O.H.M.S."	Total.	Salaries.	Contingencies.	Total.
	£ s. d.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.
January ...	910 4 0	295 17 10	1,206 1 10	664 1 5	463 5 0	1,127 6 5
February ...	823 6 1	305 2 0	1,128 8 1	616 1 8	223 17 11	869 19 7
March ...	931 19 2	309 9 7	1,241 8 9	733 1 8	373 13 4	1,106 15 0
Total ...	£2,665 9 3	£910 9 5	£3,575 18 8	£2,043 4 9	£1,060 16 3	£3,104 1 0