

APPENDIX III.

[CONFIDENTIAL.]

Pacific Telegraph Company Limited, 34 Clement's-lane,
London, April 20, 1887.

SIR,

We are deputed by the Pacific Telegraph Company Limited to furnish to you, for the information of the Conference, a proposal which it is intended to submit on behalf of the company to the Imperial Governments, and to the Governments of Canada, Victoria, New South Wales, Queensland, South Australia, Western Australia, New Zealand, and Tasmania.

We are also deputed to attend the sittings of the Conference in person if desired, in order to give any farther information that may be wished for.

Proposal.

The company to lay and maintain a cable from Vancouver Island to Australia, touching at the Sandwich Islands, Fanning Island, Samoa, Fiji, and New Zealand.

The company to reduce the existing through rates from Great Britain to Australasia by at least one-half.

The Imperial Government and the Colonial Governments above referred to to furnish to the company, in such proportions as they may agree upon, a subsidy of £100,000 per annum for twenty-five years; each Government to have during that period the free use of the company's cable for Government messages to the full amount of its proportion of the subsidy at current rates.

The company to give Government messages precedence over ordinary messages.

We have, &c.,

MURRAY FINCH HATTON.
RANDOLPH C. WANT.

To the Right Honorable

Sir Henry Thurston Holland, M.P., &c.