

Papers publishing before 5 p.m. each day, in addition to Australian or San Francisco Mail telegrams, will be allowed to receive at any period of the day telegrams amounting in the aggregate to 200 words, and will be charged for the same at Evening rates; any excess over the 200 words to be paid for at the rates in force between 8 a.m. and 5 p.m.

On Sundays, double the above rates.

No charge will be made for address and signature up to 10 words; every word over 10 will be charged for at Tariff rates.

WEATHER TELEGRAMS FOR SHIPPING.

Masters of vessels are permitted to forward messages at an uniform rate of sixpence for each message (including reply) to the Harbour Masters of the various ports, seeking information as to the state of the weather, &c., at the port to which they are bound, or from any port which may lie in their route. These telegrams must be concise, and should be filled in accordance with the directions to be seen at the various telegraph stations.

In no case will a larger number of words than ten in the body of the telegram be followed under these Rules.

CONDITIONS UNDER WHICH TELEGRAMS ARE TRANSMITTED, AND TARIFF RATES FOR PLACES BEYOND THE AUSTRALIAN COLONIES.

CONDITIONS.

The following are the conditions under which messages will be transmitted on and after 1st January, 1876:—

1. The length of a word is limited to a maximum of ten letters.
2. Only ordinary dictionary words should be used. Artificially-constructed words are subject to the cipher rate.
3. Groups of figures may be transmitted, and will be charged at the rate of five to the word, if expressing ordinary commercial quotations; but if used for code purposes, they will be subject to the cipher rate.
4. Groups of letters or artificially-constructed words will be treated in the same manner as figures.
5. Cipher telegrams must be collated—i.e., repeated back in their entirety from station to station. Half extra rate is charged for collating.
6. Any combination of code employing in the same message groups of figures and letters is strictly prohibited, and telegrams composed in this manner cannot be accepted.
7. Addresses may be written in code, at the sender's risk, under arrangement with the administrations concerned. The signature may also be a code word, or the last word of the message may replace it.
8. The following abbreviated forms for expressing "Reply paid," Acknowledgment of receipt," "Collating," and "Telegram to follow" have been agreed to, so that only one word need be paid for to convey these instructions:—

Reply paid	...	...	RP.
Acknowledgment of Receipt	...	...	CR.
Collating	...	...	TC.
Telegram to follow	...	...	FS.

TARIFF RATES.

NEW ZEALAND RATES.—1s first ten words, 1d each additional word; address and signature free up to ten words.

AUSTRALIAN CABLE AND RATES TO UNDERMENTIONED PLACES.—Address and signature charged cable rates, first ten words 7s 6d, each additional word 9d. Word rates for undermentioned places to be added as under:—

	Price Per Word.
	£ s. d.
Aden	0 10 3
China—Hong Kong	0 8 2
" Amoy	0 9 10
" Shanghai	0 9 10
" Cochin China	0 6 11
Europe	0 10 8
India, <i>via</i> Madras (West of Chittagong)	0 7 11
" " (East " ")	0 8 2
" " (Ceylon " ")	0 8 2
" <i>via</i> Rangoon (East of Chittagong)	0 7 11
" " (West " ")	0 8 2
" " (Ceylon " ")	0 8 4
" <i>via</i> Amoor (West of Chittagong)	0 18 7
" " (East of Chittagong and Ceylon)	0 18 10
Japan (Nagasaki)	0 11 6
Java	0 4 3
Penang	0 5 8
Singapore	0 5 8
Europe, <i>via</i> Hong Kong and Amoor	0 16 6

The Japanese Government have not yet adopted the word rate. The charges, in addition to the Nagasaki rate, are:—To Hakodadi, 17s for 20 words; to any other station in Japan, 9s; half-rate extra for ten words or less than ten words.

The following notice has been received from the General Post Office, London:—

REGISTRATION OF ABBREVIATED ADDRESSES.

General Post Office, London, 1872.

1. On and after this date, a register will be opened at the Central Telegraph Station for the registration of the full address at which telegrams reaching London from the provinces, or from abroad, and marked with an abbreviated or arbitrary address, are to be delivered.
2. The charge for registration will be one guinea per annum, payable in advance, and will become due on the 1st of August in each year. The payment made during the current year will cover the period to the 31st July, 1873.
2. For an address registered in London, the fee of one guinea should be remitted by means of a cheque on a London Bank, crossed "Bank of England," in favour of the Postmaster-General or order, or by Post Office order payable at the Chief Office, London.
4. On and from the 1st of October next, the Postmaster-General will not undertake the delivery of any telegrams at addresses which are not full and complete, or which have not been registered at the General Post Office, or which cannot be traced in the Post Office London Directory, whether the record of the actual address has already been notified to the Post Office or not.