



# Telegraph Act 1868

## CHAPTER 110

### TELEGRAPH ACT 1868

#### *Preliminary*

- 1 Short title.
- 2 Provisions of 26 & 27 Vict. c.112 incorporated.
- 3 Interpretation of Terms.

#### *Purchase*

- 4 Power to Postmaster General to purchase Undertakings of Telegraph Companies.

#### *Sale*

- 5 Power to Telegraph Companies to sell their Undertakings to the Postmaster General.
- 6 Acts, &c. of Companies selling their Undertakings to remain in force, and the Powers thereof to be exercised by the Postmaster General.
- 7 Companies may require Postmaster General to purchase their Undertaking under certain Circumstances.
- 8 Provision as to Purchase of certain Undertakings herein named.
- 9 Postmaster General to enter into Contracts with certain Railway Companies.
- 10 Application of Sums received by Reuter's Telegraph Company by virtue of Agreement with Postmaster General.

#### *Canal Companies*

- 11 Postmaster General may acquire a Right of Way over the Bridgewater Canal.

*Status: This is the original version (as it was originally enacted).*

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- 12 Postmaster General may acquire a Right of Way over the Grand Junction Canal.
- 13 Agreements confirmed.
- 14 Power to Postmaster General to lease Property.
- 15 Postmaster General to make Regulations for Conduct of Business, and to fix Charges.
- 16 Power to Postmaster General to enter into special Agreements with Proprietors of Newspapers.
- 17 Messages having Priority to be specially marked.
- 18 Payments to be made by means of Stamps.
- 19 Power to appoint Offices for depositing Messages.
- 20 Punishment for disclosing or intercepting Messages.
- 21 Property in Telegraphic Messages to be laid in Postmaster General.
- 22 Postmaster General to pay Rates.
- 23 Copies of Regulations to be laid before Parliament.
- 24 Provision as to Payment of Costs to Railway and Telegraph Companies if Objects of Act not carried out.

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SCHEDULE to which —  
the foregoing Act  
refers

- 1 An Agreement between Her Majesty's Postmaster General and the Great...
- 2 An Agreement between Her Majesty's Postmaster General and the London...
- 3 An Agreement between Her Majesty's Postmaster General and the London,...
- 4 An Agreement between Her Majesty's Postmaster General and the South-eastern...
- 5 An Agreement between Her Majesty's Postmaster General and the North-eastern...
- 6 An Agreement between Her Majesty's Postmaster General and the Bristol...
- 7 An Agreement between Her Majesty's Postmaster General and the Submarine...
- 8 An Agreement between Her Majesty's Postmaster General and Reuter's Telegram...
- 9 Agreement between Her Majesty's Postmaster General and the Atlantic Telegraph...
- 10 An Agreement between Her Majesty's Postmaster General and the North...
- 11 An Agreement between Her Majesty's Postmaster General and the Caledonian...
- 12 Articles of Agreement between Her Majesty's Postmaster General and the...
- 13 Heads of Agreement between Her Majesty's Postmaster General and the...