

Regulations for the Guidance of Telegraph Officers.

LIVERPOOL, Governor.

ORDER IN COUNCIL.

At the Government Buildings at Wellington, this thirty-first day of January, 1916.

Present :

THE RIGHT HON. W. F. MASSEY, P.C., PRESIDING IN COUNCIL.

WHEREAS by Order in Council dated the twenty-eighth day of August, one thousand nine hundred and five, and published in the *New Zealand Gazette* of the first day of September, one thousand nine hundred and five, regulations were made under the authority of the Electric Lines Act, 1884, for the guidance of officers of the Post and Telegraph Department engaged in the performance of telegraphic duties: And whereas it is desirable to amend and add to such regulations in the manner hereinafter set forth :

Now, therefore, His Excellency the Governor of the Dominion of New Zealand, in pursuance and exercise of the powers and authorities conferred upon him by the Post and Telegraph Act, 1908, and its amendments, and of all other powers and authorities in that behalf enabling him, and acting by and with the advice and consent of the Executive Council of the said Dominion, doth hereby make the regulations set forth in the Schedule hereto; and doth hereby revoke so much of the regulations in the Schedules to the above-recited Order in Council as is inconsistent herewith; and doth further order that the said revocation shall take effect and the regulations hereby made shall come into force on the date of the publication of this Order in Council in the *New Zealand Gazette*, and that the regulations hereby made shall form part of and be read together with the regulations first above recited.

SCHEDULE.

1. IN these regulations, unless inconsistent with the context, "officer in charge" includes a Superintendent, Chief Postmaster, Postmaster, or other officer in charge of a telegraph or telephone office.

2. A "forwarded" telegram is a telegram handed in for despatch. A "transmitted" telegram is a telegram received by wire for retransmission. A "received" telegram is a telegram received by wire for delivery.

3. Officers are forbidden to write out telegrams for the public, unless the senders are unable to write.

4. Telegrams should be written on the form supplied by the Department, or an approved form, but when the regular form cannot be obtained may be written on a piece of paper. This must not be destroyed or copied, but gummed to an "A" form.

5. Interlineations, erasures, or alterations must be authenticated by the initials of the sender or his representative.

6. Instructions as to delivery, or any other directions, such as "Post," "Confidential," &c., must be written by the sender in the space provided for the purpose, and be paid for. Oral instructions cannot be accepted.

7. When a telegram is presented without a signature, or is signed with a Christian name or surname only, the sender's ordinary signature must be endorsed thereon; it may then be transmitted without a signature, or with a pen-name or a familiar