

TELEGRAPH.

No. 9 of 1909.

An Act relating to Telegraphic Communication in Time of Emergency.

[Assented to 30th October, 1909.]

BE it enacted by the King's Most Excellent Majesty, the Senate, and the House of Representatives of the Commonwealth of Australia, as follows:—

Short title.

1. This Act may be cited as the *Telegraph Act* 1909.

Definitions.

2. In this Act, unless the contrary intention appears—

“Emergency” means any emergency in the nature of war or danger of war:

“Submarine cable” means any submarine cable used or capable of being used for telegraphic or telephonic purposes, and includes all stations, instruments, land wires, and appliances used in connexion with any submarine cable:

“This Act” includes the regulations under this Act:

“Wireless telegraph” includes all stations, instruments, and appliances used in connexion with wireless telegraphy or telephony:

“Wireless telegraphy” includes all systems of transmitting and receiving telegraphic or telephonic messages by means of electricity without a continuous metallic connexion between the transmitter and the receiver.

Power to assume control of cables and wireless telegraphs.

3.—(1.) The Governor-General may, whenever any emergency has arisen which, in his opinion, renders it desirable in the public interest so to do, authorize any officer of the Commonwealth to take possession or control of any submarine cable or any wireless telegraph or telephone.

(2.) Any officer so authorized, and any person acting under his authority, may take possession or control of the submarine cable or wireless telegraph or telephone, and may continue in possession or control thereof for such period as the Governor-General thinks fit to direct.

(3.) No person shall obstruct or hinder any officer so authorized, or any person acting under his authority, in the exercise of any power under this Act.

Penalty: Twenty pounds.

4. The Governor-General may make regulations, not inconsistent with this Act, prescribing all matters and things which are necessary or convenient to be prescribed for carrying out or giving effect to this Act, and in particular for regulating and controlling telegraphic or telephonic communication in times of emergency by means of submarine cables or wireless telegraphy or telephony.

Regulations.

SUPPLY (No. 4).

No. 10 of 1909.

An Act to grant and apply out of the Consolidated Revenue Fund a sum for the service of the year ending the thirtieth day of June One thousand nine hundred and ten.

[Assented to 11th November, 1909.]

BE it enacted by the King's Most Excellent Majesty, the Senate, and the House of Representatives of the Commonwealth of Australia, for the purpose of appropriating the grant originated in the House of Representatives, as follows:—

Preamble.

1. This Act may be cited as the *Supply Act (No. 4) 1909-10*.

Short title.

2. There shall and may be issued and applied for or towards making good the supply hereby granted to His Majesty for the service of the year ending the thirtieth day of June One thousand nine hundred and ten the sum of Three hundred and forty thousand nine hundred and twelve pounds out of the Consolidated Revenue Fund, for the purposes and services expressed in the Schedule to this Act, and the Treasurer is hereby authorized and empowered to issue and apply the moneys authorized to be issued and applied.

Issue and application of £340,912.

3. The said sum shall be available to satisfy the warrants under the hand of the Governor-General in respect of any purposes and services set forth in the said Schedule.

Sum available for the purposes set forth in Schedule.

4. No moneys shall be expended under the authority of this Act after the thirtieth day of June One thousand nine hundred and ten.

Limit of period of expenditure.

[SCHEDULE.]