

*Hon. Mr. Hall.*

## ELECTRIC TELEGRAPH ACT 1875 AMENDMENT.

### ANALYSIS.

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| Title.<br>1. Short Title.<br>2. Amending thirteenth section of "The Electric Telegraph Act, 1875." | 3. Amending fifteenth section of "The Electric Telegraph Act, 1875." |
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### A BILL INTITULED

AN ACT to amend "The Electric Telegraph Act, 1875."

Title.

BE IT ENACTED by the General Assembly of New Zealand in Parliament assembled, and by the authority of the same, as follows:—

1. The Short Title of this Act is "The Electric Telegraph Act 1875 Amendment Act, 1880." Short Title.

2. The thirteenth section of "The Electric Telegraph Act, 1875" (hereinafter called "the said Act"), shall be amended by inserting between the ninth and tenth lines thereof the following paragraph, that is to say: "For contracting with any person or persons or body corporate or unincorporated for the exclusive use of a special wire or wires, and for fixing the terms and conditions, rates and charges, to be paid for the use of such wire or wires." Amending thirteenth section of "The Electric Telegraph Act, 1875."

3. The fifteenth section of the said Act shall be amended by adding thereto the following proviso, that is to say: "Provided also that in case of interruption or partial interruption to the telegraph lines, all messages or despatches received for transmission for or on account of the public Press may, between such hours as shall be fixed by the Commissioner, be transmitted in precedence of all other private telegrams or messages, without reference to the order in which they were originally received for transmission at the office of origin. But such precedence shall not be permitted except by the authority of the Superintendent or the Secretary of the New Zealand Telegraph, and unless, in his opinion, the actual delivery of such private telegrams or messages would not thereby be delayed." Amending fifteenth section of "The Electric Telegraph Act, 1875."

By Authority: GEORGE DIDSBUY, Government Printer, Wellington.—1880.

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