



# Telegraph Act 1868

1868 CHAPTER 110 31 and 32 Vict

An Act to enable Her Majesty's Postmaster General to acquire, work, and maintain Electric Telegraphs. [31st July 1868]

**Modifications etc. (not altering text)**

- C1 Whole Act, except ss. 1 and 20 repealed by [Telecommunications Act 1984 \(c. 12, SIF 96\)](#), s. 109, [Sch. 7 Pt. 1](#)
- C2 Act extended by [Telegraph Act 1870 \(c. 88\)](#), s. 3
- C3 Preamble omitted under authority of [Statute Law Revision \(No. 2\) Act 1893 \(c. 54\)](#)

*Preliminary*

**1 Short title.**

This Act may be cited as "The Telegraph Act 1868."

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**Textual Amendments**

- F1 Whole Act, except ss. 1 and 20 repealed by [Telecommunications Act 1984 \(c. 12, SIF 96\)](#), s. 109, [Sch. 7 Pt. 1](#)

**<sup>F2</sup>20 Punishment for disclosing or intercepting messages.**

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**Textual Amendments**

- F2 S. 20 repealed (26.3.2001) by [S.I. 2001/1149](#), 3(2), Sch. 2 (with art, 4(11))

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