



Telegraph Act 1868

1868 CHAPTER 110

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

WHEREAS the Means of Communication by Electric Telegraphs within the United Kingdom of *Great Britain* and Ireland are insufficient, and many important Districts are without any such Means of Communication :

And whereas it would be attended with great Advantage to the State, as well as to Merchants and Traders, and to the Public generally, if a cheaper, more widely extended, and more expeditious System of Telegraphy were established in the *United Kingdom of Great Britain and Ireland*, and to that end it is expedient that Her Majesty's Postmaster General be empowered to work Telegraphs in connexion with the Administration of the Post Office :

May it therefore please Your Majesty that it may be enacted ; and be it enacted by the Queen's most Excellent Majesty, by and with the Advice and Consent of the Lords Spiritual and Temporal, and Commons, in this present Parliament assembled, and by the Authority of the same, as follows :