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The following tables of distances by which to compute telegraphic rates for Government messages are published for the information of all concerned.

This (first) edition contains a list of more than 2,000 places, comprising all the larger and more important points in the United States.

Their distances by the shortest post-routes are stated from Washington, District of Columbia, and from New York, New York, in two adjoining, parallel columns.

A second list is given of all the military posts of the United States Army, with distances from other points most immediately connected therewith.

This list has been furnished by the Quartermaster-General of the United States Army.

Both tables are of course subject to modifications from time to time, owing to the changing nature of the postal and telegraphic service, and will be extended or otherwise altered as the needs of the service require.

It being impracticable to give the distances by the shortest lines of telegraph, owing to the want of data from the telegraph companies, these distances are given by the shortest post-routes, and are thus available for the computations of mileage in the settlement of accounts for personal travel and other transportation.

JNO. A. J. CRESWELL,
Postmaster-General.

POST-OFFICE DEPARTMENT, *August 16, 1873.*

RATES OF PAY
FOR
COMMUNICATIONS BY TELEGRAPH, 1873-1874.

POST-OFFICE DEPARTMENT,

June 28, 1873.

Whereas, by the act of Congress approved July 24, 1866, entitled "An act to aid in the construction of telegraph lines, and to secure to the Government the use of the same for postal, military, and other purposes," in section second it is enacted, "That telegraphic communications between the several Departments of the Government of the United States and their officers and agents shall, in their transmission over the lines of said companies, have priority over all other business, and shall be sent at rates to be annually fixed by the Postmaster-General?"

Now, therefore, in pursuance and by virtue of the authority on me by said act conferred, I, J. A. J. Creswell, Postmaster-General of the United States, do hereby fix the rates at which the telegraphic communications aforesaid shall be sent, for the year commencing on the first day of July, A. D. eighteen hundred and seventy-three, as follows, namely:

The rate for all telegraphic communications known as the signal-service messages and reports shall be three cents for each word of said reports and messages for each circuit over which it may pass in accordance with the schedule of circuits and plans of the Chief Signal-Officer of the Army, which are now adopted, or may hereafter be adopted by him for transmitting these dispatches, or such part thereof as he may designate, in such words or ciphers as may from time to time be directed by him. The amount thus estimated is to be taken in full payment for said dispatches; no additional allowance to be made for drops, office messages, or other services or special facilities required by the Chief Signal-Officer for the correct and prompt transmission of said signal-service messages and reports.

The rate for all telegraphic communications sent otherwise than over circuits established as aforesaid shall be as follows, viz: One cent per word for each circuit through which it shall be transmitted, said rate to be computed subject to the following conditions, viz:

A distance of two hundred and fifty miles, as computed by the tables of the Post-Office Department, shall be deemed a circuit.

If, in computing circuits, there shall be found one or more circuits and a fraction of a circuit, such fraction shall be deemed a circuit.

If a communication shall be sent a distance less than two hundred and fifty miles, that distance shall be deemed a circuit.

All words of the communication transmitted are to be counted, excepting the date and place at which such communication is filed; all messages of less than twenty-five words, address and signature included, shall be rated as if containing twenty-five words, and all messages exceeding twenty-five words shall be rated by the exact number of words they contain, address and signature included.

JNO. A. J. CRESWELL,
Postmaster-General.

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WASHINGTON, D. C., AND TO NEW YORK, N. Y.
