

(Translation.)

CIRCULAR to Chambers of Commerce, Code-makers, &c., on the subject of the Second Edition of the Official Vocabulary.

The International Telegraph Conference which met at Budapest from June 16 to July 22, 1896, has given to Regulation VIII, which treats of code language and of the Official Vocabulary, the following form:—

REGULATION VIII.

"1. Code language is that which is composed of words each having an intrinsic meaning, but not forming intelligible phrases, in one or more of the languages authorized for telegraphic correspondence in plain language.

"2. Words used in code language must not exceed in length ten letters according to the Morse alphabet. They must be taken from one or more of the following languages:—English, French, German, Italian, Spanish, Dutch, Portuguese, and Latin.

"3. Proper names cannot be used in telegrams drawn up wholly or partly in code language except in so far as they are used in their natural meaning. Those proper names, however, which appear in the Official Vocabulary, can be accepted with a code meaning.

"4. The office of origin may demand of the sender the production of his code, in order to ascertain whether the rules laid down in the three preceding paragraphs are duly complied with.

"5. From a date to be fixed by a future Conference, all words used in private telegrams drawn up in code language shall be taken from the Official Vocabulary prepared by the International Bureau of Telegraphic Administrations, duly enlarged."

It follows from this regulation that the International Bureau of Telegraph Administrations is instructed to prepare and publish a new edition, duly enlarged, of the Official Vocabulary.

In the discussion of the subject which preceded the decisions of the Conference, the general opinion as to the character of this second edition of the Official Vocabulary was clearly indicated. The essential points which were settled are as follows:—

The second edition must contain many more words than the first, in order to meet all the requirements of commerce. It must in every respect, bear the character of a vocabulary pure and simple, *i.e.*, a dictionary of the words in the eight authorized languages, from which code compilers may select such as they find most suitable. Thus, it is essential to avoid any selection of words or any special arrangement which might lead the purchaser of this second edition to confound it with a code. Further, it will no longer be necessary to pay attention to typographic, telegraphic, or phonetic similarity between words. There will, consequently, be found in the Vocabulary words differing from each other by only one letter, and between which the telegraphic dissimilarity may be reduced to nil.

It is to be anticipated that sooner or later this new Vocabulary will be declared obligatory for both the European and the extra-European telegraph services.

With the view of affecting as little as possible possessors of private codes already existing, the International Bureau considers it desirable to insert in this new edition, as far as circumstances permit, all the words in these codes, provided that they are legitimate words, not mutilated, and are taken from the eight authorized languages, and provided that they do not contain less than five nor more than ten letters.

To attain this object, it will be necessary that

the International Bureau should be in possession of codes the validity of which the compiler or possessor wishes to assure after the final adoption of the Official Vocabulary.

The International Bureau, therefore, begs Chambers of Commerce, publishers of codes, and any persons who desire that the words of particular codes should be found in the Second Edition of the Official Vocabulary, to forward, before the end of the present year,* one copy of such codes to the address given below.

It must be understood that the codes are to be sent free of cost, and that the words appearing therein may be used without giving rise to proceedings for infringement of copyright.

"The International Bureau of
Telegraph Administrations,
Berne, Switzerland."

Berne,

1st September, 1896.

* N.B.—The Bureau has since consented to extend the date for the reception of codes or collections of code-words to the 31st March, 1897.

GENERAL ORDER of the Local Government Board: Removing Suspension of Articles of General Order: District Medical Officer's Fees:—

Truro Union.—Saint Clement District.

To the Guardians of the Poor of the Truro Union;—

And to all others whom it may concern.

WHEREAS by an Order dated the 17th day of December, 1862, the Poor Law Board suspended, so far as regards the Medical Officers for the Workhouse and for the Saint Clement District of the said Truro Union, and until that Board should by Order otherwise direct, the operation of Articles 177, 178, 179, 180, 181, 182, and 183 of the General Order of the Poor Law Commissioners dated the 24th day of July, 1847;

And whereas by the said Articles provision is made for the payment of special fees to Workhouse Medical Officers and District Medical Officers in certain cases, and it is expedient that the suspension of the said Articles should be in part removed as hereinafter mentioned:

Now therefore, We, the Local Government Board, by this Our Order direct that the suspension of the aforesaid Articles 177, 178, 179, 180, 181, 182, and 183, of the said General Order dated the twenty-fourth day of July, one thousand eight hundred and forty-seven, shall be removed, so far as regards the Medical Officer for the time being of the Saint Clement District of the said Truro Union.

Given under the Seal of Office of the Local Government Board, this seventeenth day of February, in the year one thousand eight hundred and ninety-seven.

L. S.

Henry Chaplin,
President.

S. B. Provis, Assistant Secretary.

ORDER OF THE BOARD OF
AGRICULTURE.

(DATED 20TH FEBRUARY 1897.)

SURREY BOROUGH (MUZZLING OF DOGS) TEMPORARY ORDER OF 1895, AMENDMENT.

THE Board of Agriculture, by virtue and in