

TELEGRAPH STATION AT ROCHE'S POINT,
CORK HARBOUR.

WE give on page 367 a view of a telegraph station recently erected at Roche's Point, Cork harbour, by the London and South of Ireland Direct Telegraph Company. The object of this newly formed company, as we learn by their prospectus, is to place Cork and Queenstown in direct communication with London. The only existing route is 739 miles in length - namely, by Liverpool, Carlisle, Port Patrick, Donaghadee, and Dublin; and, being so circuitous, it involves many breaks, thereby causing great delay, uncertainty, and frequent incorrectness in the transmission of messages. To supply this deficiency the new company propose to provide an unbroken line of communication direct from London by the way of St. David's Head, Pembrokeshire, across St. George's Channel to Wexford, and thence by Waterford, &c., to Cork and Queenstown, a distance of 454 miles instead of 739 miles. A station has been established at Roche's Point, at the entrance to Cork harbour, where the pilots reside, and whence they board the steamers. News brought to the station by the return pilot boats will be transmitted thence direct to London; not only anticipating all messages which have to be dispatched from Queenstown, but, in fact, reaching London a considerable time before the mail-tender can arrive at Queenstown. Upon high ground contiguous to the station at Roche's Point it is intended to erect a signal-tower, from which vessels passing up and down Channel will be sighted and reported. A timber signal-post 130 feet in height, and rising 230 feet above the level of the sea, has already been erected. Our Engraving represents the offices used by the company at Roche's Point, the American vessel in sight, and the company's boat going out to receive despatches. The lighthouse at Roche's Point is also shown.

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