

ARTICLE IX. This arrangement, which supersedes the temporary arrangement of 6th July, 1853, is to go into effect on the 15th of August, 1853, and it is to be continued in force until annulled by mutual consent, or by either post department after the expiration of three months' previous notice to the other; and it may also cease whenever the Bremen steamers cease running.

These articles when to take effect, and how long to continue in force.

In witness whereof, we have hereto set our names and affixed the seals of our respective offices, this 4th day of August, one thousand eight hundred and fifty-three, at the city of Washington.

JAMES CAMPBELL,

*Postmaster-General.*

RUDOLPH SCHLEIDEN,

*Minister Resident of the Republic of Bremen.*

ADDITIONAL ARTICLES

*Agreed upon between the Post-Office Department of the United States and the Post-Office Department of the Hanseatic Republic of Bremen, providing for the Registration of valuable Letters, to be conveyed by the United States and Bremen Lines of Steamers, direct, between New York and Bremenhaven.* May 17, 1855.

ARTICLE I. Letters, alleged to be valuable, posted at any post-office in the United States, and addressed to any part of the German Austrian Postal Union, or posted in the German Austrian Postal Union, and addressed to the United States, and deliverable at the respective exchange offices of New York or Bremen, to be thence conveyed by the United States and Bremen lines of steamers, shall, from and after the first day of August, one thousand eight hundred and fifty-five, be registered at the office of mailing, on the application of the person posting the same: *Provided*, That the full postage chargeable thereon to destination, together with a registration fee of five cents on each letter, be prepaid at such mailing office: *And provided, also*, That such registration shall not be compulsory, and shall not render the respective Post-Office Departments of the United States or Bremen, or their revenues, liable for the loss of such letters or packets, or the contents thereof.

Valuable letters to be registered.

Postage and registration fee to be prepaid. Registration not compulsory.

ARTICLE II. All such letters or packets mailed in the interior of the United States, or of the German Austrian Postal Union, respectively, shall be received, registered, and receipted for, as directed in the general regulations issued in each country in regard to the registration of valuable letters, and shall be sent to the exchange offices of New York or Bremen, respectively, for the purpose of being forwarded thence by the next direct steamer.

Letters, &c. mailed in the interior.

ARTICLE III. The respective exchange offices of New York and Bremen shall make a separate letter bill for each registered letter, or parcel of registered letters, originally mailed at said exchange offices, or sent to them to be forwarded, as prescribed by the regulations referred to in Article II., and shall enter therein the name of the person addressed, the post-office to which it is to be mailed for delivery, and the rate of postage for each letter. The postmaster of said exchange office will then mail each such letter, or parcel of letters, in a separate package from the unregistered letters, and seal each package, after tying it in the usual manner. The letter bills of such registered letters shall not be enclosed in the packages containing them, but shall be enclosed in a separate wrapper or envelope, sealed, and addressed to the postmaster of the corresponding exchange office of Bremen or New York.

Letter bills for registered letters.

Return bill for registered letters.

ARTICLE IV. On the receipt of registered letters for delivery or distribution, at either of the respective exchange offices of Bremen or New York, the postmaster of such receiving office will compare the letters with the bill, and endorse it "correct" if it is found so, or will note the error, if there be one, in the manner prescribed with regard to registered letters received from an inland post-office. He will then fill up the corresponding return bill, noting upon it whether correct or otherwise, and will see that it is returned by the first mail thereafter to the office of mailing, (New York or Bremen, as the case may be)

Registered letters how to be forwarded.

ARTICLE V. Registered letters received at New York from Bremen, or received at Bremen from New York, and destined for an inland post-office, shall be forwarded in the same manner as other registered letters originally mailed at either office.

Accounts.

ARTICLE VI. The United States and Bremen Post-Offices shall reciprocally account to each other upon such registered letters as shall be exchanged between them in the same manner as prescribed in the postal convention concluded on the fourth of August, one thousand eight hundred and fifty-three; but the registration fee of five cents shall accrue to the United States Post-Office Department upon all registered letters sent from the United States to Bremen, and to the Bremen Post-Office Department upon all registered letters sent from Bremen to the United States.

In witness whereof, we have hereto set our names and affixed the seals of our respective offices, this seventeenth day of May, one thousand eight hundred and fifty-five, at the city of Washington.

[L. s.]

JAMES CAMPBELL,

*Postmaster-General.*

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R. SCHLEIDEN,

*Minister Resident of the Republic of Bremen.*

ADDITIONAL ARTICLE

August 23, 1860. *Agreed upon between the Post-Office Department of the United States and the Post-Office Department of the Hanseatic Republic of Bremen, modifying Article II. of the Postal Convention of August 4, 1853.*

Rates of postage.

THE international correspondence, conveyed either by United States or Bremen steamers, between the United States or its Territories and Bremen, will be hereafter subject to the following postage charges, viz.:—

Postage on each letter or packet not exceeding half an ounce in weight,	10 cents.
Above half an ounce, and not over one ounce,	20 "
Above one ounce, but not exceeding one ounce and a half,	30 "
Above one ounce and a half, but not exceeding two ounces,	40 "

And the postage will increase in this scale of progression, to wit: Additional ten cents for each additional half-ounce, or fraction of half-ounce.

Payment in advance shall be optional in either country. It shall not, however, be permitted to pay less than the whole rate; and no account shall be taken of the prepayment of any fraction of that rate.

In witness whereof, we have hereto set our names and affixed the seals of our respective offices, this twenty-third day of August, one thousand eight hundred and sixty, at the city of Washington.

[SEAL.]

J. HOLT,

*Postmaster-General.*

[SEAL.]

R. SCHLEIDEN,

*Minister Resident of Bremen.*