

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.

[L. s.]

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.