In witness whereof I have hereunto set my hand, and caused the seal of the United States to be affixed.

Done at the city of Washington; this fifteenth day of February, in the year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred and forty-nine,
[sEAL.] and in the seventy-third of the independence of the United States.

JAMES K. POLK.
By the President:
James Buchanan, Secretary of State.

Settlement of Details under the Postal Treaty with Great Britain.

## ARTICLES

May 14, 1849. Agreed upon between the Post-Office of the United Kingdom of Great
[Obsolete. Seo post, p. 841.] for carrying into Execution the Convention of December 15, 1848.

Regulations as to details.

Ante, p. 787.

Exchange of mails.

Mails by packets from Liverpool to Boston to contain what;

In pursuance of Article XXI. of the Convention of December 15, 1848, between the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Ireland and the United States of America, which leaves to the two Post-Offices the regulation, as soon as possible after the exchange of the ratifications of the said convention, of the form in which the accounts for the transmission of correspondence are to be made up, as well as of all other matters of detail, which are to be arranged by mutual consent, for ensuring the execution of the stipulations contained in the said convention, the undersigned, duly authorized for that purpose by their respective offices, have agreed upon the following articles:-

## Chapter I. - Regulations between the respective Offices of Exchange.

Article I. The following shall be the regulations for the exchange of mails between the United Kingdom and the United States: -

There shall be an exchange of mails between the following offices :-

1. Between London and Boston, by way of Liverpool and Boston. direct, and also by way of Liverpool and New York.
2. Between London and New York, by way of Liverpool and New York direct, and also by way of Liverpool and Boston.
3. Between Liverpool and Boston direct, and also by way of New York.
4. Between Liverpool and New York direct, and also by way of Boston.
5. Between London and New York, by way of Southampton.
6. Between Southampton and New York direct.

Article II. When the packets are despatched from Liverpool to Boston direct, the mails forwarded from the offices of London and Liverpool to the office of Boston shall comprise the correspondence for all parts of the United States (with the exception of New York), and for countries in transit through the United States.

The mails for New York shall comprise all the correspondence for that city.
to New York to contain what.

Article III. When the packets are despatched from Liverpool to New York direct, the mails forwarded from the offices of London and Liverpool to the office of New York shall comprise the correspondence for all parts of the United States (with the exception of Boston), and for countries in transit through the United States.

The mails for Boston shall comprise all the correspondence for that city.
Article IV. Reciprocally, when the packets are despatched from Boston, or from New York to Liverpool, the mails forwarded from the offices of Boston and New York to the office of Liverpool shall comprise the correspondence for all parts of the United Kingdom, with the exception of the city of London and its suburbs.

The mails for London shall comprise all the correspondence for that city and its suburbs, and for countries in transit through the United Kingdom.

Article V. When the packets are despatched from Southampton to New York, the mails forwarded from the offices of London and Southampton shall comprise the correspondence for all parts of the United States, and for countries in transit through the United States.

Article VI. When the packets are despatched from New York to Southampton, the mails forwarded from the office of New York to the office of London shall comprise the correspondence for all parts of the United Kingdom (with the exception of Southampton), and for foreign countries (France and countries on the continent of Europe addressed via Southampton and Havre excepted), and for British colonies and possessions in transit through the United Kingdom.

The mails for Southampton shall comprise all the correspondence for that town, and for France and for countries on the continent of Europe specially addressed via Southampton and Havre.

Article VII. If, hereafter, it should be deemed necessary to make a direct exchange of mails between other offices than those mentioned in Article I of the present articles, other offices of exchange may be established by mutual agreement between the two offices.

## Chapter II. - Regulations respecting the Exchange of Correspondence, Progressive Rates of Postage, \& q .

Article VIII. The respective offices shall mutually account to each other for the portion of the postage of the correspondence exchanged between them which is due to each, both for that of the letters not prepaid, and also for that of the letters which are prepaid.

On all prepaid letters sent from one office of exchange to another there shall be distinctly marked, in red ink, in the upper right-hand corner of each letter, the amount due to the country to which sent; and, in like manner, on all unpaid letters there shall be marked in black ink the amount due to the country from which forwarded.

When either country is entitled to the packet or sea rate of postage, in addition to its inland, the two rates shall be combined, and marked in one sum on each letter.

Article IX. With respect to letters above the weight of a single letter which is fixed at half an ounce in either country, the respective offices, in accounting to each other, shall employ the following scale of progression:-

For every letter not exceeding half an ounce in weight, one single rate.
Above half an ounce, but not exceeding one ounce, two rates.
Above one ounce, but not exceeding two ounces, four rates.
Above two ounces, but not exceeding three ounces, six rates.
Above three ounces, but not exceeding four ounces, eight rates.
And so on, two rates being added for every ounce or fraction of an ounce.

Article X. The correspondence of every description which may be Correspondence forwarded from one office to another shall be enclosed in sealed or locked how enclosed. bags, and each class of correspondence shall be tied up separately, and distinguished by a label showing under what article in the letter bill such correspondence is comprised.

Closed mails. Ante, p. 784.

Article XI. When closed mails are forwarded under the stipulations contained in Articles V., VI., VII., and VIII. of the convention of December 15, 1848, from the United Kingdom through the United States, or from the United States through the United Kingdom, the office which despatches the mails shall insert the net weight of the letters and the number of newspapers contained in such mails in the letter bill in the table prepared for that purpose; and, in like manner, when closed mails are received in the United Kingdom through the United States, or in the United States through the United Kingdom, the office which receives the mails shall insert the net weight of the letters and the number of newspapers contained in such mails, in the acknowledgment of receipt, which is to be returned by the next post.
Same sabject. Article XII. When closed mails are forwarded from one part of the United States to another part through the territory of British North America, or from one part of British North America to another part through the territory of the United States, the office which despatches the mails shall send a letter bill, in which shall be entered the net weight of the letters and the number of newspapers contained in such mails. The letter bill shall be addressed to the post-office of the country through

Post, p. 793. which the mail is forwarded, and shall be according to the form (A) annexed to the present articles.

Certain Ietters Article XIII. Letters originating in the United States and adfree of postage. dressed to the foreign countries and British colonies and possessions contained in table (B), and letters originating in the United Kingdom
Post, p. 788. and addressed to the foreign countries and United States possessions, contained in table (C) annexed to the present articles, and, vice versa, letters originating in such foreign countries, British colonies and possessions, and United States possessions, and addressed to the United Kingdom or the United States, shall be delivered by one office to the other free of all postage, whether packet or inland.
Certain postage how to be prepaid.

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Post, p. 795.
Article XIV. With respect to letters passing through either country, which cannot be forwarded unless the postage be paid in advance, the office of the United States shall pay to the British office the rates of British and foreign postage set against the names of the respective foreign countries and British colonies and possessions in table (D) annexed to the present articles, and in like manner the British office shall pay to the office of the United States the rates of United States postage set against the names of the respective foreign countries and United States possessions and territories in table ( E ) annexed to the present articles.

Chapter III. - Letter Bills, Acknowledgments of Receipt, Accounts, g.c.
Letter bills. Article XV. Every mail passing between the respective offices of exchange in the United Kingdom and the United States shall be accompanied by a letter bill, specifying the amount of postage due to each office on each class of correspondence. The office to which the mail is addressed shall return by the next post an acknowledgment of receipt to the office from which it was transmitted. The letter bills and acknowl799, 816, 817819.

Blank letter bills.

Vouchers. edgments of receipt shall be made according to the forms ( $F$ and $G$ ) agreed upon and annexed to the present articles.

Article XVI. If it should happen at the usual period for making up the mails there should not be any letter, or other correspondence, from either of the offices of exchange, a blank letter bill shall, nevertheless, be forwarded to the corresponding office.

Article XVII. The letter bills and acknowledgments of receipt, indicating the correct amount of postage due to each office, shall serve as vouchers to the quarterly accounts. If, in checking the mails transmitted to the respective offices of exchange, the amount of postage of any of the articles shall be found to differ from that entered on the letter
bill by the despatching office, such articles shall be checked by two offcers, and the corrected amount, which is entered by them on the verification side of the letter bill, shall be accepted as the true amount.

Article XVIII. Accounts, showing the results of the mutual trans- Accounts quarmission of correspondence between the United Kingdom and the United terly. States, shall be made out at the end of every quarter by the General Post-Office in London, and, having been examined, compared, and settled by the General Post-Office in Washington, the balance shall be paid without delay by that office which shall be found indebted to the other. The quarterly accounts shall be made out according to the forms (H and 804. I) annexed to the present articles.

## Chapter IV. - Dead, Missent, and Returned Letters.

Article XIX. Dead letters, newspapers, \&c. which cannot be deliv- Dead letters, ered, from whatever cause, shall be mutually returned after the expiration \&c.; of every month, or otherwise, as the regulations of each office will admit. Such of those letteri, \&c. as shall have been charged in the account shall be returned for the same amount of postage which was originally charged by the sending office, and shall be allowed in discharge of the account of
the office to which they were transmitted. The forms (K and L) to be used in claiming the return of postage, and to accompany such dead

## Post, pp. 805, 806.

 letters, newspapers, \&c. are annexed to the present articles.Article XX. With respect to dead letters, \&c. which may have been received in closed mails, or which cannot be produced by the office which has to claim the amount, they shall be admitted for the same weight and amount of postage which was originally charged upon such dead letters, \&c. in the accounts of the respective offices, on a declaration or on lists vouching for the amount of postage demanded, signed by the inspector of the dead-letter office, or other officer duly authorized for that purpose.

Article XXI. Letters misdirected or missent, or which may require the prepayment of the postage, shall be reciprocally returned without delay through the respective offices of exchange, and credit taken in the letter bill for the amount of postage originally charged upon them. Redirected letters, or letters addressed to persons who have changed their residences, shall be mutually returned by the first post, charged with the rates of postage which would have been paid by the parties to whom they are addressed.

Article XXII. Letters sent for the purpose of annoying or injuring the parties to whom they are addressed, (the postage on which either noy, \&c. or inoffice may think proper to return, ) even though they may have been jure. opened, are to be included and admitted with the dead letters.

Article XXIII. Whereas, by Article XIII. of the convention of December fifteen, one thousand eight hundred and forty-eight, it is stipulated that letters posted in the United States, addressed to the British North American Provinces, or vice versa, shall be charged according to the rates of postage which are now, or which shall hereafter be, in operation in the United States and in the British North American Provinces for inland letters; and whereas, by Article XIV. of the said convention, it is further stipulated that the rates of postage fixed by the preceding article shall be combined into one rate, of which payment in advance shall be optional, both in the United States and in the British North American Provinces, and that it shall not be permitted to pay less than the whole rate ; and as, owing to the various rates of postage now in operation in the two countries, which are governed by the distance that letters have to be conveyed in each, depending upon the point of intercommunication where the correspondence passes from one country to the other, it will not be possible to determine by previous regulations the true combined

Articles XIII. and XIV. of the convention of Dec. 15, 1848, postipned.
Ante, p. 788.

Provision as to combined rates of postage to be postponed.
rates to which letters will be liable; and as, therefore, it will not be practicable to prescribe such forms and settle such details as will carry the said articles into due effect, it is agreed that further efforts for the adjustment of such forms and detalls for carrying into operation Articles XIII. and XIV. of the convention of December fifteen, one thousand eight hundred and forty-eight, shall be postponed until such alterations be made in the rates of postage as will allow of the provisions of the said articles being effectually carried out according to the true intent and meaning of the same.

Present articles when to come into operation.

Article XXIV. The present articles, so far as they are not already in force, shall come into operation on the first day of July next.

Done in duplicate, in the city of Washington, the fourteenth day of May, one thousand eight hundred and forty-nine.

S. R. HOBBIE.<br>H. BOURNE.

Approved:
J. COLLAMER.

## General Post-Office, London, May 31, 1849.

Having examined and considered the twenty-four additional articles for carrying into execution the postal convention betwen the United States of America and the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Ireland, which were agreed upon and signed on the fourteenth May instant by Selah R. Hobbie, Esq., on behalf of the Post-Office Department of the United States, and Henry Bourne, Esq., on behalf of this department, the same are by me hereby ratified.

In witness whereof, I have caused my seal of office to be hereto [L. s.] affixed, this day and year first above written.

CLANRICARDE, Postmaster-General.
A.

## LETTER BILI FOR CLOSED MAILS.



| Destination. | Number of Bozes <br> or Bags. | Net weight of Letters <br> in ounces. | Number of <br> Nemppapers. |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  |  |  |  |
| Total . . . . . . . |  |  |  |

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\ldots \text { Pos_________ Postmaster. }
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To the Postmaster of
Nore. - This letter bill is to be used when closed mails are sent from one part of the United States to another part through the territory of British North America, or from one part of British North America to another part through the territory of the United States.

## B.

List of Foreign Countries, and British Colonies and Possessions, to or from which Letters passing in transit through the United Kingdom must be mutually delivered by one Office to the other free from all Postage whether Packet or Inland.

Alexandria, City of, via Marseilles
Algeria.
Austria and the Austrian States.
Baden.
Bayaria.
Belgium.
Bremen, Free City of.
Brunswick.
Beyrout, City of, via Marseilles.
Dardanelles, The, via Marseilles.
Denmark.
France.
German States.
Gibraltar.
Greece via Marseilles.
Hamburg and Cuxhaven.
Hanover.
Holland.
Hong Kong (China), Island of.
Tonian Islands.
Lubec, Free City of.
Malta, Island of.
Meeklenburg Schwerin.
Mecklenburg Strelitz.

Moldavia.
Naples, Kingdom of, via Marseilles.
Norway.
Oldenburgh.
Poland.
Prussia.
Roman or Papal States.
Russia.
Saxony.
$\left.\begin{array}{l}\text { Scutari, } \\ \text { Smyrna, }\end{array}\right\}$ Cities of, via Marseilles.
Sweden.
Switzerland.
Turkey, in Europe
Tuscany via Marseilles.
Venetian States.
Wallachia.
Wurtemburg.
West Indies, \&c. British, viz.:-
Antigua, Barbadoes, Bahamas, Berbice, Cariacou, Demerara, Dominica, Essequibo, Grenada, Honduras, Jamaica, Montserrat, Nevis, St. Kitts, St. Lucia, St. Vincent, Tobago, Tortola, Trinidad.

## C.

See p. 790.
List of Foreign Countries and American Possessions to or from which Letters passing in transit through the United States must be mutually delivered by one Office to the other free from all Postage whether Packet or Inland.

See p. 790.
D.

List of Foreign Countries and British Colonies and Possessions, with the Rates of Postage on Letters to or from the United States of America when conveyed via the United Kingdom, which Rutes are to be paid'by the Post-Office of the United States to the British Post-Office.


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## E.

See p. 790.
List of Foreign Countries, and United States Possessions and Territories, which by the Laws of the United States are beyond the Limit of their established Post-Routes, with the Rates of Postage on Letters to and from the United Kingdom, when conveyed via the United States, which Rates are to be paid by the Post-Office of the United Kingdom to the Post-Office of the United States.

| Names of Countries, 8 cc . | Rate per Single Letter when conveyed between the United States and Great Britain. |  | Routes, Ports of Arrival in, or Departure from, the United states. |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  | By U. States Packet. | By British Packet. |  |
|  | $\begin{gathered} \text { Not exceeding } \\ \frac{1}{2} \text { ounce. } \end{gathered}$ | Not exceeding $t$ ounce. |  |
|  | Cents. | Cents. |  |
| $\left.\begin{array}{l}\text { Canada } \\ \text { New Brunswick }\end{array}\right\} \ldots . . . .$. | 26 | 10 | By the general mail. |
| Havana. . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . | $28 \frac{1}{2}$ | $12 \frac{1}{2}$ | $\left\{\begin{array}{c} \text { By United States Packet } \\ \text { from Charleston. } \end{array}\right.$ |
| California \}.......... | 56 | 40 |  |
| Oregon |  |  |  |
| Panama . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . | 46 | 30 | ( By United States Packet |
| Chagres. . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . | 36 | 20 | ( from New York. |
| Any place in the West Indies or Gulf of Mexico. $\qquad$ | 21 | 5 | \{ By British Packet from New York. |
| Any place in the West Indies or Gulf of Mexico. . . . . . . . | 26 | 10 | $\left\{\begin{array}{c}\text { By British Packet from } \\ \text { Mobile. }\end{array}\right.$ |

See pp. 700, 817-819.

## F.

## LETTER BHLL

FOR THE CORRESPONDENCE BETWEEN THE UNITED KINGDONI AND THE UNITED STATES.


The following articles are sent herewith, the receipt of which it is requested may be acknowledged, viz. :-

| § I. Unpaid letters, \&c. to be placed to the credit of the British office. | Gtatement by the British office. |  | Verification by the United States office. |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  | Amount. |  | Amoumi. |  |
|  | Dollars. | Cents. | Dollars. | Cents. |
| 1. Unpaid letters from the United Kingdom for the United States at - cents the single rate <br> 2. Unpaid letters from foreign countries, and British colonies and possessions, in transit through the United Kingdom for the United States <br> 8. Newspapers in transit through the United Kingdom for the United States, at 2 cents each <br> 4. Missent, redirected, and returned letters received from the United States. <br> 5. Closed mails for the United States offle in transit through the United Kingdom <br> Oerain. |  |  |  |  |
|  | The weight of letters and the number of newspapers contained in the closed mails are to be entered in the verification column by the United States office. |  | Net weight of letters in ounces. | Number of newspapers. |
| §II. Paid letters, \&c. to be placed to the credit of the United States office. <br> 8. Paid letters from the United Kingdom for the United States, at - cents the single rate . <br> 7. Paid letters for foreign countries, United States posgessions, \&c. in transit through the United States <br> 8. Paid newspapers for foreign countries, United States possessions, \&e. in transit through the United States, at 2 cents each <br> 9. Closed mails from the British office in transit through the United States. <br> Dartination. | Amount. |  | Amovnt. |  |
|  | Dollars. | Cents. | Dollaias. | Cents. |
|  |  |  |  |  |
|  | Net weight of letters in ounces. |  | Number of newspapers. |  |

§III. Letters, newspapers, f.c. on which the British postage has been paid, and which form no charge between the two offices.
10. Letters from foreign countries, \&c. in transit through the United Kingdom for the United States
11. Letters from the United Kingdom for foreign countries, \&c. in transit through the United States
12. Newspapers, periodical works, pamphlets, \&c. .

Registered Letters affixed to the present Bill and included in the foregoing Articles.

| No. | Whence sent. | To whom addressed. | Place of destiantion. |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
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## F.- Continued.

## ACKNOWLEDGMENT OF RECEIPT

FOR THE CORRESPONDENCE BETWEEN THE UNITED STATES AND THE UNITED KINGDOM.

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\text { Post-Offige }- \text { of } \\
\text { the }-184-.
\end{gathered}
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The mail from _ to _ by the ___ packet of the —_of ——, 184—, has been received, containing the following articles, viz.:


See pp. 790, 817-819.
G.

## HETTER BHLL

FOR THE CORRESPONDENCE BETWEEN THE UNITED STATES AND THE UNITED KINGDOM.
Mails from _ to -_ by the —_ packet.

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& \text { Post-Office } \longrightarrow, ~ \\
& \text { the } \longrightarrow \text { of }-184-. ~
\end{aligned}
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The following articles are sent herewith, the receipt of which it is requested may be acknowledged, viz. :-


## G. - Continued.

## ACKNOWLEDGMENT OF RECEIPT

FOR THE CORRESPONDENCE BETWEEN THE UNITED KINGDOM AND THE
UNITED STATES.

## Post-Office

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\text { the -of - } 184-\text {. }
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The mail from —_ to —_ by the —_ packet of the —__ of ——, 184—, has been received, containing the following articles, viz.:-

| § I. Unpaid letters, \&c. to be placed to the credit of the British office. | Statement by the British office. |  | Verification by the United States office. |  |
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|  | amoment. |  | amocnt. |  |
| 1. Unpaid letters from the United Kingdom for the United States, at $\qquad$ cents the single rate. | Dollars. | Cents. | Dollars. | Cents. |
| 2. Unpaid letters from foreign countries, and British colouies aud possessions, in transit through the United Kingdom for the United States . |  |  |  |  |
| 3. Newspapers in transit through the United Kingdom for the United States, at 2 cents each |  |  |  |  |
| 4. Missent, redirected, and returned letters received from the United States |  |  |  |  |
| Origin. | The net weight of lettersand the number or newspapers con-tained in the closed mails are to be entered in the verif. cation column bythe United States the United Statesoffice. |  | Net weight of letters in ounces. | Number of newspapers |
| § II. Paid letters, \&c. to be placed to the credit of the United States affice. | Amount. |  | amount. |  |
|  | Dollars. | Cents. | Dollars. | Cents. |
| 6. Paid letters from the United Kingdom for the Uuited States, at $\qquad$ cents the single rate |  |  |  |  |
| 7. Paid letters for foreign countries, United States possessions, \&c. in transit through the United States . |  |  |  |  |
| 8. Paid newspapers for foreign countries, United States possessions, \&c. in transit through the United States, at 2 cents each <br> 9. Closed mails from the British office in transit through the United States . |  |  |  |  |
|  |  |  |  |  |
| Destrnation. | Net weight of letters in ounces. |  | Number of newspapers. |  |
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§ IIJ. Letters, newspapers, \&-c. on which the British postage has been paid, and which form no charge between the two offices.
10. Letters from foreign countries, \&ec. in transit through the United Kingdom for the United States
11. Letters from the United Kingdom for foreign countries, \& c . in transit through the United States.
12. Newspapers, periodical works, pamphlets, \&c. .



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| Number of the Articles composing the Credit of the | The Office of the United States, Dr. to the Office of the | amouns. |  |
| 1 | Mails from the United Kingdom. | Dollars, | Cents. |
|  | Unpaid letters from the United Kingdom for the United States, at - cents the single rate.... |  |  |
| 2 | Unpaid letters from foreign countries and British colonies and possessions in transit through the United Kingdom for the United States........ |  |  |
| 3 | Newspapers in transit throagh the United Kingdom for the United States at 2 cents each.... |  |  |
| 4 | Missent, redirected, and returned letters received from the United States. |  |  |
|  | Closed mails for the United States office in transit through the United Kingdom, viz. : - |  |  |
| 5 | Letters. |  |  |
|  | Newspapers |  |  |
| 7 | Mails from the United States. <br> Paid letters from the United States for the United Kingdom at - cents the single rate......... |  |  |
|  | Paid letters for foreign countries and British colonies and possessions in travsit through the United Kingdom. |  |  |
| 8 | Paid newspapers for foreign countries, \&c. in transit through the United Kingdom at 2 cents each. |  |  |
|  | Closed mails from the United States office in transit through the United Kingdom, viz.: - |  |  |
| 9 | Letters...................................... |  |  |
|  | Newspapers. |  |  |
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| Balance of the Account for the Quarter |  |  |  |

[^1]Balance in favor of the Office of
tinued.
PRECEDING ACCOUNT.

(See p. 791.)
GENERAL ACCOUNT
Between the Post-Office of the United Kingdom and the Post-Office of the United States, relating to the Correspondence between the two Offices for the Quarter ended the ———of—, 18—.

K. (See p. 791.)

Account of Dead Letters returned to Washington from London, being Letters received in the Dead-Letter Office during the Month of ——, 18—.


## L. (See p. 791.)

Account of Dead Letters returned to London from Washington, being Letters received in the Dead-Letter Office during the Month of -18 -.



[^0]:    Norg. - The Foreign portion of the above rates is to be charged according to the following scale,
    年 oz. and under 1 oz., 4 rates ; 1 our. and under $1 \neq 0$. 5 rates; and 80 on, an additional rate being pharged for each guarter of an ounce.

[^1]:    The Office of the United States, Dr. to the Offce of the United Kingdom The Office of the United Kingdom, Dr., to the Office of the United States

