

Postal Arrangement between the United States and the West Indies, etc.

ADDITIONAL ARTICLES

To the Articles agreed upon between the Post-Office of the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Ireland and the Post-Office of the United States of America for carrying into Execution the Convention of December fifteen, one thousand eight hundred and forty-eight. Dec. 3 & 27, 1852.
Sec post, p. 841.

In pursuance of the power granted, by Article XXI. of the convention of December fifteen, one thousand eight hundred and forty-eight, between the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Ireland and the United States of America, to the two Post-Offices, to settle the matters of detail, which are to be arranged by mutual consent, for insuring 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:— Ante, p. 787.

ARTICLE I. An exchange of mails shall hereafter take place between the following offices, so long as the British and United States governments respectively shall deem it expedient to maintain a communication by packet between the several ports enumerated:— Exchange of mails.

1. Between the post-office of New York and the British packet office at St. Thomas, — by means of British mail packets.

2. Between the post-office of New York and the post-office of Kingston, (Jamaica;)

3. Between the post-office of Charleston and the post-office of Kingston;

4. Between the post-office of Savannah and the post-office of Kingston;

5. Between the post-office of New Orleans and the post-office of Kingston;

6. Between the post-office of San Francisco and the post-office of Kingston, — by means of United States mail packets.

ARTICLE II. In the event of the United States mail packets ceasing to call at Kingston, (Jamaica,) the mails to and from Kingston shall be landed and embarked at Havana, and, if permitted, shall be delivered over unopened by the United States consul to the British consul, or *vice versa*, and shall be conveyed between Havana and Kingston by British packets. Mails to and from Kingston;

ARTICLE III. The mails forwarded from New York, Charleston, Savannah, New Orleans, and San Francisco to St. Thomas and Jamaica shall comprise the correspondence, not only for those islands, but also for all the British and foreign ports at which the British mail packets in the West Indies touch. to St. Thomas and Jamaica;

ARTICLE IV. Reciprocally, the mails forwarded from Jamaica and St. Thomas to New York, Charleston, Savannah, New Orleans, and San Francisco shall comprise the correspondence, not only from those islands, but also from all the British and foreign ports at which the British mail packets in the West Indies touch. from St. Thomas and Jamaica to New York, &c.

ARTICLE V. Upon every letter not exceeding half an ounce in weight despatched from New York, Charleston, Savannah, New Orleans, or San Francisco to St. Thomas or Kingston, and addressed to one of the foreign ports at which the British mail packets in the West Indies touch, the United States Post-Office shall account to the British Post-Office for the Rates of postage for letters.

sum of one shilling, or twenty-four cents, and so on in proportion according to the scale of postage now established in the United Kingdom.

Rates of postage for newspapers.

ARTICLE VI. For every newspaper despatched from New York, Charleston, Savannah, New Orleans, or San Francisco to St. Thomas or Kingston, and addressed to one of the foreign ports at which the British mail packets in the West Indies touch, the United States Post-Office shall account to the British Post-Office for the sum of two pence, or four cents.

Letter bills.

ARTICLE VII. Every mail despatched from New York, Charleston, Savannah, New Orleans, or San Francisco to St. Thomas or Kingston shall be accompanied by a letter bill.

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.

See p. 809.

The letter bills and acknowledgments of receipt shall be made out according to the forms (A and B) agreed upon and annexed to the present articles.

Blank letter bills.

ARTICLE VIII. If it should happen, at the usual period for making up the mails, that 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.

Vouchers.

ARTICLE IX. The letter bills and acknowledgments of receipt shall serve as vouchers to the quarterly account.

If, in checking the mails transmitted to the respective offices of exchange, the amount of postage shall be found to differ from that entered in the letter bill by the despatching office, such amount shall be checked by two officers, and the corrected amount, which is entered by them on the verification side of the letter bill, shall be accepted as the true amount.

Accounts.

ARTICLE X. The amount due to the British office for the correspondence transmitted under the regulations now agreed upon shall be placed to the credit of the United Kingdom in the general account between the Post-Office of the United Kingdom and the Post-Office of the United States prepared quarterly in the General Post-Office, London.

When these articles take effect.

ARTICLE XI. The present articles shall be considered as additional to those agreed upon between the two offices for carrying into execution the convention of December fifteen, one thousand eight hundred and forty-eight, signed at Washington the fourteenth May, one thousand eight hundred and forty-nine, and shall come into operation on the fifteenth day of January, one thousand eight hundred and fifty-three.

Ante, p. 788.

Done in duplicate and signed at Washington on the third day of December, one thousand eight hundred and fifty-two, and at London on the twenty-seventh day of December, one thousand eight hundred and fifty-two.

HORATIO KING.
W. L. MABERLY.

Approved:
S. D. HUBBARD.

Approved:
HARDWICKE.

A. — Letter Bill for the Correspondence between the United States and the West Indies, &c. See p. 808

Mail from _____ to _____, by _____ packet.

POST-OFFICE, _____, 185 .

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

§	1. Paid letters, &c. to be placed to the credit of the British office.	Statement by the United States office.		Verification by the British office.	
		Dollars.	Cents.	Dollars.	Cents.
Article. 1	Paid letters from the United States for foreign ports				
2	Paid newspapers from the United States for foreign ports				
	Total				
§	2. Letters, newspapers, &c. which form no charge between the two offices.	Number.			
Article. 1	Unpaid letters from the United States for British colonies, &c.				
2	Newspapers from the United States for British colonies, &c.				

Postmaster of _____

B. — Acknowledgment of Receipt for the Correspondence between the United States and the West Indies, &c. See p. 808.

POST-OFFICE, _____, 185 .

The Mail from _____ to _____ by the packet of the _____ of _____, 185, has been received, containing the following articles, viz.: —

§	1. Paid letters, &c. to be placed to the credit of the British office.	Statement by the United States office.		Verification by the British office.	
		Dollars.	Cents.	Dollars.	Cents.
Article. 1	Paid letters from the United States for foreign ports				
2	Paid newspapers from the United States for foreign ports				
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Article. 1	Unpaid letters from the United States for British colonies, &c.				
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_____, Postmaster, or Packet Agent.