

*Postal Arrangement between the United States and the West Coast of South America.*

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 15, 1848.* August 10 and September 7, 1853. See post, p. 841.

In pursuance of the power granted, by Article XXI. of the convention of December 15, 1848, 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:—

ARTICLE I. An exchange of mails shall hereafter take place between the following offices, viz.:— Exchange of mails.

1. Between the post-office of New York and the British packet office at Panama.
2. Between the post-office of Charleston and the British packet office at Panama.
3. Between the post-office of Savannah and the British packet office at Panama.
4. Between the post-office of New Orleans and the British packet office at Panama.
5. Between the post-office of San Francisco and the British packet office at Panama.

The transmission of these mails between the several ports above mentioned and Panama will be provided for by the United States government.

ARTICLE II. The mails forwarded from New York, Charleston, Savannah, New Orleans, and San Francisco, to Panama, shall comprise the correspondence for all the foreign ports on the western coast of South America at which the British mail packets in the Pacific touch. Mails from New York, &c. to Panama;

ARTICLE III. Reciprocally, the mails forwarded from Panama to New York, Charleston, Savannah, New Orleans, and San Francisco, shall comprise the correspondence for the United States from all the foreign ports on the western coast of South America at which the British mail packets in the Pacific touch. from Panama to New York.

ARTICLE IV. Upon every letter not exceeding half an ounce in weight, despatched from New York, Charleston, Savannah, New Orleans, or San Francisco, to Panama, and addressed to the several States on the western coast of South America at the ports of which the British mail packets touch, the United States Post-Office shall account to the British Post-Office for the following rates of postage, viz.:— Letter rates.

1. Upon a letter for Buenaventura, in New Grenada, 4*d.*, or 8 cents (so long as the existing postal convention between Great Britain and New Granada shall continue in force).
2. Upon a letter for any port in the republic of Peru, 6*d.*, or 12 cents (so long as the existing postal convention between Great Britain and Peru shall continue in force).
3. Upon a letter for any other port on the western coast of South America excepting those above mentioned, 1*s.*, or 24 cents.

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Progressive rates.

And these rates of postage shall increase in proportion for heavier letters, according to the scale of postage now established in the United Kingdom.

Newspapers.

ARTICLE V. For every newspaper despatched from New York, Charleston, Savannah, New Orleans, or San Francisco, to Panama, and addressed to any of the states on the western coast of South America at the ports of which the British mail packets 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 VI. Every mail despatched from New York, Charleston, Savannah, New Orleans, or San Francisco, to Panama, 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. 813.

The letter bill 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 VII. 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 VIII. The letter bills and acknowledgments of receipt shall serve as vouchers to the quarterly account.

If, in checking the mails transmitted to the packet office at Panama, 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 IX. 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 to take effect.

Ante, p. 788.

ARTICLE X. The present articles shall be considered as additional to those agreed upon between the two offices for carrying into execution the convention of 15th December, 1848, signed at Washington the 14th May, 1849, and shall come into operation on the first day of October, one thousand eight hundred and fifty-three.

Done in duplicate and signed at Washington on the tenth day of August, and at London on the seventh day of September, one thousand eight hundred and fifty-three.

HORATIO KING.  
J. TILLEY

Approved:

JAMES CAMPBELL,  
*Postmaster-General.*

CANNING.

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A. — *Letter Bill for the Correspondence between the United States and the Western Coast of South America.* See p. 812

Mail from \_\_\_\_\_ to Panama by \_\_\_\_\_ packet.

POST-OFFICE, \_\_\_\_\_, 185

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

§	I. 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.....				

*Postmaster of*

B. — *Acknowledgment of Receipt for the Correspondence between the United States and the Western Coast of South America.* See p. 812.

BRITISH PACKET OFFICE, *Panama*, \_\_\_\_\_, 185

The mail from \_\_\_\_\_ to Panama, by the \_\_\_\_\_ packet of the \_\_\_\_\_ of \_\_\_\_\_, 185, has been received, containing the following articles, viz. :—

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*, Packet Agent.*