

Done in duplicate and signed at London on the twenty-fifth day of November, one thousand eight hundred and fifty-three, and at Washington on the twelfth day of December, one thousand eight hundred and fifty-three.

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Approved :
JAMES CAMPBELL.
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Settlement of Further Details under the Postal Treaty with Great Britain.

ADDITIONAL ARTICLES

March 20 and
April 9, 1856.
See post, p. 841.

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 the fifteenth, one thousand eight hundred and forty-eight.

In pursuance of the power granted to the two Post-Offices by Article XXI. of the convention of December the fifteenth, one thousand eight hundred and forty-eight, between the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Ireland and the United States of America, to settle the 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 :—

Ante, p. 787.

ARTICLE I. Letters posted in the United Kingdom addressed to the United States, or posted in the United States addressed to the United Kingdom, and intended to be forwarded between the United Kingdom and the United States, by British or United States packets, may be registered on the application of the persons posting the same, but such registration shall not render the Post-Office Departments of the United Kingdom or the United States liable for the loss of such letters or the contents thereof.

Letters may be registered.

No liability for loss.

It is understood that this regulation applies equally to letters between the United Kingdom and California or Oregon, whether conveyed via New York, via Boston, or via Panama.

ARTICLE II. The conditions under which registered letters shall be received and delivered, and the forms to be observed in their transmission from the place at which they are posted to the office of exchange, or from the office of exchange to the place of their destination, shall be regulated by the rules in force in the two countries respectively.

Conditions of the receipt and delivery of registered letters.

ARTICLE III. The postage upon registered letters shall invariably be paid in advance, including not only the ordinary postage to the place of their destination, but also any registration fee to which letters of this class may be liable, according to the regulations of the country from which they are sent.

Postage to be prepaid.

ARTICLE IV. The Post-Office of the United Kingdom shall be at liberty to fix the amount of the registration fee to be levied upon all registered letters forwarded from the United Kingdom to the United States; and, in like manner, the Post-Office of the United States shall be at liberty to fix the amount of the registration fee to be levied upon all registered letters forwarded from the United States to the United Kingdom.

Amount of registration fee how determined.

These amounts may be altered, from time to time, by the respective Post-Offices, if an alteration be deemed expedient.

No charge, whether for registration or other service, shall, under any pretext whatever, be made in the United Kingdom or the United States on the delivery of registered letters.

Registration fees how accounted for.

ARTICLE V. Upon every registered letter forwarded from the United Kingdom to the United States, the Post-Office of the United Kingdom shall account to the Post-Office of the United States for one half of the amount of the registration fee levied upon the posting of such registered letter in the United Kingdom; and, in like manner, upon every registered letter forwarded from the United States to the United Kingdom, the Post-Office of the United States shall account to the Post-Office of the United Kingdom for one half of the amount of the registration fee levied upon the posting of such registered letter in the United States.

Registered letters to be made up in a separate parcel.

ARTICLE VI. All registered letters forwarded from the United Kingdom to the United States, or from the United States to the United Kingdom, shall be made up at the respective offices of exchange in a parcel separate from the unregistered letters, which parcel shall be tied in the usual manner, and securely sealed by the despatching officer.

Separate letter bill to contain what.

The name of the person to whom each registered letter is addressed, the place of its destination, and the amount to be credited to the office to which the letters are forwarded, shall be entered at the respective offices of exchange in a separate letter bill, which shall be made out in the form annexed to these articles. Such letter bill shall not be enclosed in the parcel containing the registered letters, but shall be forwarded in a separate wrapper or envelope, sealed and addressed to the postmaster of the corresponding office of exchange.

Letter bills how to be certified and returned.

ARTICLE VII. Upon the arrival at an office of exchange in the United Kingdom of registered letters from the United States, and upon the arrival at an office of exchange in the United States of registered letters from the United Kingdom, the postmaster of such office of exchange shall compare the letters with the letter bill, and if they agree, he shall write at the foot of the letter bill, the word "correct," and affix his signature and official stamp.

The letter bill thus certified must be returned by the first mail to the office of exchange from which the registered letters were received.

If any error be observed, the postmaster shall report the circumstance to the General Post-Office in London or Washington, as the case may be, in order that the error may be investigated through the ordinary channel.

Forms of letter bills, &c.

Post, pp. 817-822.

Ante, pp. 796-799.

These articles to be considered additional, and when to go into effect.

Ante, p. 788.

ARTICLE VIII. The letter bills and acknowledgments of receipt for the mails exchanged between the two countries shall be made out according to the amended forms annexed to the present articles, in lieu of the forms (F and G) as originally adopted.

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

Done in duplicate and signed at Washington on the twentieth day of March, and at London on the ninth day of April, one thousand eight hundred and fifty-six.

HORATIO KING.
ROWLAND HILL.

Approved:
JAMES CAMPBELL.
ARGYLL.

LETTER BILL

FOR REGISTERED LETTERS BETWEEN THE UNITED STATES AND THE UNITED KINGDOM,

See p. 816.

Mail from _____ to _____, by the _____ packet.

POST-OFFICE _____,
the _____ of _____, 185

The following registered letters are sent herewith :

| No. | To whom addressed. | Destination. | AMOUNT TO BE CREDITED TO THE BRITISH POST-OFFICE. | | |
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[Signature of receiving officer.]

[Signature of despatching officer.]

If the entries on this letter bill agree with the letters received, the postmaster at the office of receipt must write the word "correct" at the foot, and affix his signature and official stamp. If any error be observed, the postmaster must immediately report the circumstance to the General Post-Office in London.

See p. 816.

LETTER BILL

FOR REGISTERED LETTERS BETWEEN THE UNITED KINGDOM AND THE UNITED STATES.

Mail from _____ to _____, by the _____ packet.

POST-OFFICE _____,
the _____ of _____, 185

The following registered letters are sent herewith:—

| No. | To whom addressed. | Destination. | AMOUNT TO BE CREDITED TO THE UNITED STATES POST-OFFICE. | | |
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| | | | Postage. | | Registration fee. |
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[Signature of receiving officer.]

[Signature of despatching officer.]

If the entries in this bill agree with the letters received, the postmaster at the office of receipt must write the word "correct" at the foot, and affix his signature and official stamp. If any error be observed, the postmaster must immediately report the circumstance to the General Post-Office at Washington.

LETTER BILL

See p. 816.

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

Mail from _____ *to* _____ *by the* _____ *packet.*

POST-OFFICE _____,

the _____ day of _____, 185 .

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

| | Statement by the British office. | | Verification by the United States office. | |
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| | AMOUNT. | | AMOUNT. | |
| | Dollars. | Cents. | Dollars. | Cents. |
| <p>§ I. <i>Unpaid letters, &c. to be placed to the credit of the British office.</i></p> <p>1. Unpaid letters from the United Kingdom for the United States, at _____ the single rate</p> <p>2. Unpaid letters from foreign countries, and British colonies and possessions, in transit through the United Kingdom for the United States</p> <p>3. Newspapers in transit through the United Kingdom for the United States, at <i>1d.</i> each</p> <p>4. Missent, redirected, and returned letters received from the United States</p> <p>5. Closed mails for the United States office in transit through the United Kingdom</p> <p style="text-align: center;">ORIGIN.</p> | | | | |
| | 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. |
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| | AMOUNT. | | AMOUNT. | |
| | Dollars. | Cents. | Dollars. | Cents. |
| <p>§ II. <i>Paid letters, &c. to be placed to the credit of the United States office.</i></p> <p>6. Paid letters from the United Kingdom for the United States, at _____ cents the single rate</p> <p>7. Paid registered letters from the United Kingdom for the United States, at _____ cents the single rate, and including one half of the registration fee</p> <p>8. Paid letters from foreign countries for the United States upon which the sea rate has been paid</p> <p>9. Paid letters for foreign countries, United States possessions, &c. in transit through the United States</p> <p>10. Paid newspapers for foreign countries, United States possessions, &c. in transit through the United States, at 2 cents each</p> <p>11. Closed mails from the British office in transit through the United States</p> <p style="text-align: center;">DESTINATION.</p> | | | | |
| | Net weight of letters in ounces. | | Number of newspapers. | |
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| <p>§ III. <i>Letters, newspapers, &c. on which the British postage has been paid, and which form no charge between the two offices.</i></p> <p>12. Letters from foreign countries, &c. in transit through the United Kingdom for the United States</p> <p>13. Letters from the United Kingdom for foreign countries, &c. in transit through the United States</p> <p>14. Newspapers, periodical works, pamphlets, &c.</p> | | | | |

_____, *Superintending President or Postmaster.*

See p. 816.

ACKNOWLEDGMENT OF RECEIPT

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

POST-OFFICE _____,

the _____ of _____, 185

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

| | Statement by the United States office. | | Verification by the British office. | |
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| | AMOUNT. | | AMOUNT. | |
| | Dollars. | Cents. | Dollars. | Cents. |
| <p>§ I. Unpaid letters, &c. to be placed to the credit of the United States office.</p> <p>1. Unpaid letters from the United States for the United Kingdom at _____ cents the single rate</p> <p>2. Unpaid letters from foreign countries, United States possessions, &c. in transit through the United States for the United Kingdom</p> <p>3. Newspapers in transit through the United States for the United Kingdom, at 2 cents each</p> <p>4. Missent, redirected, and returned letters received from the United Kingdom</p> <p>5. Closed mails for the British office in transit through the United States</p> | | | | |
| ORIGIN. | | | | |
| | The weight of letters and the number of newspapers contained in the closed mails are to be entered in the verification column by the British office. | | Net weight of letters in ounces. | Number of newspapers. |
| <p>§ II. Paid letters, &c. to be placed to the credit of the British office.</p> <p>6. Paid letters from the United States for the United Kingdom, at _____ the single rate</p> <p>7. Paid registered letters from the United States for the United Kingdom, at _____ the single rate, and including one half of the registration fee</p> <p>8. Paid letters for foreign countries, and British colonies and possessions, in transit through the United Kingdom</p> <p>9. Paid newspapers for foreign countries, &c. in transit through the United Kingdom, at 1d. each</p> <p>10. Closed mails from the United States office in transit through the United Kingdom</p> | | | | |
| DESTINATION. | | | | |
| | Net weight of letters in ounces. | | Number of newspapers. | |
| <p>§ III. Letters, newspapers, &c. on which the United States postage has been paid, and which form no charge between the two offices.</p> <p>11. Letters from foreign countries, &c. in transit through the United States for the United Kingdom</p> <p>12. Letters from the United States for foreign countries, &c. in transit through the United Kingdom</p> <p>13. Newspapers, periodical works, pamphlets, &c.</p> | | | | |
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_____, Postmaster.

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

See p. 816.

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POST-OFFICE _____,

the _____ of _____, 185

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

| | Statement by the United States office. | | Verification by the British office. | |
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| | AMOUNT. | | AMOUNT. | |
| | Dollars. | Cents. | Dollars. | Cents. |
| <p>§ I. <i>Unpaid letters, &c. to be placed to the credit of the United States office.</i></p> <p>1. Unpaid letters from the United States for the United Kingdom, at — the single rate</p> <p>2. Unpaid letters from foreign countries, United States possessions, &c. in transit through the United States for the United Kingdom</p> <p>3. Newspapers in transit through the United States for the United Kingdom, at 2 cents each</p> <p>4. Mis sent, redirected, and returned letters received from the United Kingdom</p> <p>5. Closed mails for the British office in transit through the United States</p> <p style="text-align: center;">ORIGIN.</p> <p>The weight of letters and the number of newspapers contained in the closed mails are to be entered in the verification column by the British office.</p> | | | Net weight of letters in ounces. | Number of newspapers. |
| <p>§ II. <i>Paid letters, &c. to be placed to the credit of the British office.</i></p> <p>6. Paid letters from the United States for the United Kingdom, at — cents the single rate</p> <p>7. Paid registered letters from the United States for the United Kingdom, at — cents the single rate, and including one half of the registration fee</p> <p>8. Paid letters for foreign countries and British colonies and possessions in transit through the United Kingdom</p> <p>9. Paid newspapers for foreign countries, &c., in transit through the United Kingdom, at 2 cents each</p> <p>10. Closed mails from the United States office in transit through the United Kingdom</p> <p style="text-align: center;">DESTINATION.</p> <p>Net weight of letters in ounces.</p> <p>Number of newspapers.</p> | | | | |
| <p>§ III. <i>Letters, newspapers, &c. on which the United States postage has been paid, and which form no charge between the two offices.</i></p> <p>11. Letters from foreign countries, &c., in transit through the United States for the United Kingdom</p> <p>12. Letters from the United States for foreign countries, &c., in transit through the United Kingdom</p> <p>13. Newspapers, periodical works, pamphlets, &c.</p> | Number. | | | |

_____, Postmaster of _____

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ACKNOWLEDGMENT OF RECEIPT

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

POST-OFFICE _____,

the _____ day of _____, 185

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

| § I. <i>Unpaid letters, &c. to be placed to the credit of the British office.</i> | Statement by the British office. | | Verification by the United States office. | |
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| 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 through the United Kingdom for the United States, at 2 cents each | | | | |
| 4. Missent, redirected, and returned letters received from the United States | | | | |
| 5. Closed mails for the United States office in transit through the United Kingdom | | | | |
| ORIGIN. | 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. |
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| 6. Paid letters from the United Kingdom for the United States, at _____ cents the single rate | | | | |
| 7. Paid registered letters from the United Kingdom for the United States, at _____ cents the single rate, and including one half of the registration fee | | | | |
| 8. Paid letters from foreign countries for the United States upon which the sea rate has been paid | | | | |
| 9. Paid letters for foreign countries, United States possessions, &c., in transit through the United States | | | | |
| 10. Paid newspapers for foreign countries, United States possessions, &c., in transit through the United States, at 2 cents each | | | | |
| 11. Closed mails from the British office in transit through the United States | | | | |
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| 12. Letters from foreign countries, &c., in transit through the United Kingdom for the United States | | | | |
| 13. Letters from the United Kingdom for foreign countries, &c., in transit through the United States | | | | |
| 14. Newspapers, periodical works, pamphlets, &c. | | | | |

_____, Postmaster of _____.