

# ADDITIONAL ARTICLES

*To the Articles agreed upon between the Post-Office of the United States of America and the Post-Office of the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Ireland.* December 26, 1862, and March 12, 1863.  
See post, p. 841.

In pursuance of the power granted by Article XXI. of the convention of December 15, 1848, between the United States of America and the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Ireland 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. In exception to the stipulations contained in Articles IX. and XII. of the convention of December 15, 1848, the payment to be made to the Post-Office of the United Kingdom by the Post-Office of the United States for the transit through the territory of the United Kingdom of letters and book packets, (including under the latter designation newspapers and printed papers of every kind,) comprised in the closed mails sent through the United Kingdom between the United States and any foreign country, whether conveyed between the United States and the United Kingdom by British or by United States packets, shall be at the rate of four pence per ounce, British, of letters, net weight, and at the rate of five pence per pound, British, of book packets, also net weight, and in like manner the payment to be made to the Post-Office of the United States by the Post-Office of the United Kingdom for the transit through the territory of the United States of letters and book packets, (including newspapers and printed papers of every kind,) comprised in the closed mails sent through the United States between the United Kingdom and any British colony or foreign country, whether conveyed between the United Kingdom and the United States by United States or by British packets, shall be at the rate of eight cents per ounce, British, of letters, net weight, and at the rate of ten cents per pound, British, of book packets, also net weight.

Postage on letters and book packets for transit in closed mails.  
*Ante*, pp. 784, 785.

ARTICLE II. It is understood and agreed that the reduced transit rates fixed by the preceding article to be paid to the United States Post-Office by the British Post-Office shall apply equally to closed mails between the United Kingdom and British Columbia or Vancouver's island, transmitted via the United States, whether forwarded overland or by way of Panama.

These rates to apply also, &c.

ARTICLE III. The present articles shall be considered as additional to those agreed upon between the two offices for carrying into execution the convention of December 15, 1848, signed at Washington on the 14th of May, 1849, and they shall be carried into effect as soon as the British Post-Office has announced to the United States Post-Office that the negotiations now pending between the British Post-Office and the German Post-Offices, on the subject of a mutual exchange of closed mails, have been satisfactorily concluded.

These articles to be additional.

*Ante*, p. 788.

Done in duplicate and signed in London on the twenty-sixth day of December, one thousand eight hundred and sixty-two, and in Washington on the twelfth day of March, one thousand eight hundred and sixty-three.

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