

*Additional Convention to the Convention concluded on the 7th — 24th November, 1868, between the General Post-Office of the United States of America and the General Post-Office of the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Ireland.*

December 3-14,  
1869.  
*Ante*, p. 861.

THE General Post-Office of the United States of America and the General Post-Office of the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Ireland, being desirous of effecting, by means of an additional convention, a reduction in the rate of postage chargeable upon letters conveyed between the United Kingdom and the United States, the undersigned, duly authorized for that purpose by their respective governments, have agreed upon the following articles:—

Preamble.

ARTICLE I. The postage to be collected in the United Kingdom upon paid letters posted in the United Kingdom addressed to the United States, as well as upon unpaid letters posted in the United States addressed to the United Kingdom, shall be three pence per half ounce or fraction of half an ounce. Reciprocally, the postage to be collected in the United States upon paid letters posted in the United States addressed to the United Kingdom, as well as upon unpaid letters posted in the United Kingdom addressed to the United States, shall be six cents per fifteen grammes or fraction of fifteen grammes.

Rates of letter postage;

ARTICLE II. The British Post-Office shall account to the United States Post-Office for ten cents an ounce on all paid international letters sent to the United States, and for ten cents an ounce on all unpaid international letters received from the United States; and the United States Post-Office shall account to the British Post-Office for ten cents an ounce on all paid international letters sent to the United Kingdom, and for ten cents an ounce for all unpaid international letters received from the United Kingdom.

of international letters.

ARTICLE III. Every international letter insufficiently paid, or wholly unpaid, received in the United Kingdom from the United States shall, in addition to the deficient postage, be subject to a fine of three pence, to be retained by the British Post-Office; and every international letter insufficiently paid, or wholly unpaid, received in the United States from the United Kingdom shall, in addition to the deficient postage, be subject to a fine of six cents, such fine to be retained by the United States Post-Office.

Fine upon unpaid international letters.

ARTICLE IV. The charge for the sea conveyance across the Atlantic of letters sent in closed mails through the United Kingdom, or through the United States, shall be computed at six cents per ounce or per thirty grammes.

Charge for sea conveyance of letters sent across the sea in closed mails.

ARTICLE V. The conditions of the convention between the General Post-Office of the United Kingdom and the General Post-Office of the United States, signed in London the seventh day of November, and in Washington the twenty-fourth day of November, one thousand eight hundred and sixty-eight, so far as they are contrary to the preceding articles, are repealed.

Inconsistent conditions repealed.

*Ante*, p. 861.

ARTICLE VI. The present convention, which shall be considered as additional to the convention of 7th — 24th November, 1868, shall come into operation on the 1st of January, 1870.

When this convention takes effect.

Execution. Done in duplicate, and signed in Washington the third day of December, one thousand eight hundred and sixty-nine, and in London the fourteenth day of the same month.

[L. s.]

JNO. A. J. CRESWELL,  
*Postmaster-General of the United States.*

[L. s.]

HARTINGTON,  
*Postmaster-General of the United Kingdom*

Approval. I hereby approve the foregoing convention, and in testimony thereof I have caused the seal of the United States to be affixed.

[L. s.]

U. S. GRANT.

By the President:

HAMILTON FISH, *Secretary of State.*

WASHINGTON, December 3, 1869.