

turned letters, and the official communications of the respective Post Departments of the United States and Hamburg, free of charge.

Sailing days of steamers.

ARTICLE IX. The sailing days of the steamers carrying the mail between New York and Hamburg under this arrangement shall be so arranged as not to conflict with the schedule days of sailing of the United States mail steamers plying between New York and Bremen, and between New York and Havre; and also of the Bremen mail steamships plying between New York and Bremen; and shall as near as practicable, alternate at regular intervals with the days of sailing of the steamers conveying the mail to and from Bremen and Havre.

When this convention takes effect.

ARTICLE X. This arrangement is to go into effect on the first day of July, 1857, and is to be continued in force until annulled by mutual consent, or by either Post Department, after the expiration of three months' previous notice to the other; and it may cease whenever all the direct steamers between New York and Hamburg cease running.

Done in duplicate and signed at Washington on the twelfth day of June, and at New York on the thirtieth day of June, one thousand eight hundred and fifty-seven.

HORATIO KING.

FERDINAND KARCK,

Commissioner for the Hanseatic Republic of Hamburg.

Approved:

AARON V. BROWN, *P. M. G. U. S.*

This convention is ratified with the advice and consent of the Senate of Hamburg.

C. H. MERCK, LL. D.,

Member of the Senate and President of the Post-Office Department.
HAMBURG, August 7th, 1857.

ADDITIONAL ARTICLE

August 23, 1860. *Agreed upon between the Post-Office Department of the United States and the Post-Office Department of the Hanseatic Republic of Hamburg, modifying Article II. of the Postal Convention of June 12, 1857.*

Rates of postage.

THE international correspondence, conveyed either by the United States or by Hamburg steamers, between the United States or its Territories and Hamburg, will be hereafter subject to the following postage charges, viz.:—

Postage on each letter or packet not exceeding half an ounce in weight	10 cents.
Above half an ounce, and not over one ounce	20 "
Above one ounce, but not exceeding one ounce and a half	30 "
Above one ounce and a half, but not exceeding two ounces	40 "

Increased rates.

And the postage will increase in this scale of progression, to wit: Additional ten cents for each additional half-ounce, or fraction of half-ounce.

Prepayment optional, &c.

Payment in advance shall be optional in either country. It shall not however, be permitted to pay less than the whole rate; and no account shall be taken of the prepayment of any fraction of that rate.

This additional article takes the place of Article second of the postal convention of the 12th of June, 1857, which in all other respects remains in force.

In witness whereof, we have hereto set our names and affixed the seals of our respective offices, this twenty-third day of August, one thousand eight hundred and sixty, at the city of Washington.

[SEAL.]

J. HOLT,

Postmaster-General.

[SEAL.]

H. R. KUNHARDS,

Acting Consul for the Republic of Hamburg.

ADDITIONAL ARTICLES

Agreed upon between the Post-Office Department of the United States and the Post-Office Department of the Hanseatic Republic of Hamburg, providing for the Registration of valuable Letters, to be conveyed by the United States and Hamburg Lines of Steamers, direct, between New York and Hamburg. November 11, 1863.

ARTICLE I. Letters, alleged to be valuable, posted at any post-office in the United States, and addressed to any part of the German Austrian Postal Union, or posted in the German Austrian Postal Union, and addressed to the United States, and deliverable at the respective exchange offices of New York or Hamburg, to be thence conveyed by the United States and Hamburg lines of steamers, shall, from and after the first day of December, 1863, be registered at the office of mailing, on the application of the person posting the same: *Provided*, That the full postage chargeable thereon to destination, together with a registration fee of five cents on each letter, be prepaid at such mailing office: *And provided also*, That such registration shall not be compulsory, and shall not render the respective Post-Office Departments of the United States or Hamburg, or their revenues, liable for the loss of such letters or packets, or the contents thereof.

ARTICLE II. All such letters or packets mailed in the interior of the United States, or of the German Austrian Postal Union, respectively, shall be received, registered, and receipted for, as directed in the general regulations issued in each country in regard to the registration of valuable letters, and shall be sent to the exchange offices of New York or Hamburg, respectively, for the purpose of being forwarded thence by the next direct steamer.

ARTICLE III. The respective exchange offices of New York and Hamburg shall make a separate letter bill for each registered letter, or parcel of registered letters, originally mailed at said exchange offices, or sent to them to be forwarded, as prescribed by the regulations referred to in Article II., and shall enter therein the name of the person addressed, the post-office to which it is to be mailed for delivery, and the rate of postage for each letter. The postmaster of said exchange office will then mail each such letter, or parcel of letters, in a separate package from the unregistered letters, and seal each package, after tying it in the usual manner. The letter bills of such registered letters shall not be enclosed in the packages containing them, but shall be enclosed in a separate wrapper envelope, sealed, and addressed to the postmaster of the corresponding exchange office of Hamburg or New York.

ARTICLE IV. On the receipt of registered letters for delivery or distribution at either of the respective exchange offices of Hamburg or New York, the postmaster of such receiving office will compare the letters with the bill, and endorse it "correct," if it is found so, or will note the error, if there be one, in the manner prescribed with regard to registered