

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.

Registered letters.

Postage and registration fee to be prepaid.

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.

Valuable letters mailed in the interior to be received, registered, &c.

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.

Separate letter bill for each registered letter.

Separate packages.

Letter bills not to be in the packages.

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

Duty of postmasters on receipt of registered letters.

letters received from an inland post-office. He will then fill up the corresponding return bill, noting upon it whether correct or otherwise, and will see that it is returned by the first mail thereafter to the office of mailing (New York or Hamburg as the case may be).

Registered letters to be forwarded.

ARTICLE V. Registered letters received at New York from Hamburg, or received at Hamburg from New York, and destined for an inland post-office, shall be forwarded in the same manner as other registered letters originally mailed at either office.

Accounts for registered letters.

ARTICLE VI. The United States and Hamburg Post-Offices shall reciprocally account to each other upon such registered letters as shall be exchanged between them in the same manner as prescribed in the postal convention signed at Washington on the 12th day of June, and at New York on the 30th day of June, 1857; but the registration fee of five cents shall accrue to the United States Post-Office Department upon all registered letters sent from the United States to Hamburg, and to the Hamburg Post-Office Department upon all registered letters sent from Hamburg to the United States.

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

[SEAL.]

M. BLAIR,

Postmaster-General, U. S.

[SEAL.]

R. SCHLEIDEN,

*Minister Resident of the
Hanseatic Republics.*

ADDITIONAL ARTICLE

March 28, 1864. *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 Conveyance of the International Correspondence in time of War or threatening War.*

Correspondence may be exchanged in a steamer under a neutral flag, in case of war, &c.

WHENEVER, in consequence of war or threatening war, the international correspondence between the United States and Hamburg cannot be conveyed by United States or Hamburg steamers, it may be conveyed by steamers under neutral flag, subject to all the stipulations, rules, and regulations, contained in the several postal conventions heretofore concluded between both countries.

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

[SEAL.]

M. BLAIR,

Postmaster-General, U. S.

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R. SCHLEIDEN,

*Minister Resident of the
Hanseatic Republics.*