

Postal Convention between the United States of America and Italy.

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Agreed upon between John A. Kasson, Esq., invested with special Powers to this End, and Signor Commander Don Giovanni Barbavara, Director-General of Posts of Italy, by Virtue of his full Powers, in order to establish a regular Exchange of Correspondence between the United States of America and Italy. July 8, 1863.

ARTICLE I. There shall be a regular exchange of correspondence in closed mails, between the Post Department of the United States and Post Department of Italy, upon the conditions set forth in the following articles: — Exchange of correspondence.

ARTICLE II. The exchange of mails shall be effected by means of the transatlantic steamers and of the intermediate routes of transit upon which the two postal administrations shall hereafter agree; or, in the absence of such an agreement, each postal administration shall designate the steamers and the route of transit by which the mails which it despatches shall be conveyed. Exchange of mails how to be made.

ARTICLE III. The offices for the exchange of mails on the part of the United States, are — Offices for exchange of mails.

1st. New York.

2d. Boston.

On the part of Italy, are —

1st. The travelling office from Turin to Susa, when the transit is by the way of France and England.

2d. The travelling office from Milan to Camerlata, or the travelling office from Arona to Magadino, when the transit is by way of Germany and Switzerland.

The Post Departments of the United States and of Italy, whenever they shall find it necessary, may agree upon other offices of exchange.

ARTICLE IV. The following articles shall be admitted into the mails exchanged between the two countries, to wit: (1) Ordinary letters; (2) Registered letters; (3) Documents of business and other written documents which have not the character of a direct personal correspondence, corrected proofs, samples of merchandise, including grains and seeds, and not having a mercantile value in themselves; (4) Newspapers and prints of all kinds, in sheets, in pamphlets, and in books; sheets of music, engravings, lithographs, photographs, drawings, maps, and plans. What articles may be admitted into the mails.

ARTICLE V. The weight of each packet of samples of merchandise shall not exceed 500 grammes. The weight of any other packet of mailable articles shall not exceed 2,000 grammes; and the form of the packet shall be regulated by the practice of the despatching department. Weight of packets not to exceed, &c.

ARTICLE VI. All mailable articles, except letters, shall be sent under band, or so enclosed that postal agents in both countries may readily verify the contents of the packet. Mailable articles, except letters, how to be sent.

ARTICLE VII. The standard weight and progression for the single rate of postage upon all articles enumerated in Article IV. of this convention are established as follows: (1) For letters, 15 grammes; (2) For documentary manuscripts not having the character of a direct personal correspondence, for corrected proofs, and for samples of merchandise, 40 Weights for rates of postage.

grammes; (3) For newspapers and prints of all kinds, embracing all mailable articles not otherwise assigned, the standard shall not be less than 40 grammes in Italy, or one ounce and a half in the United States; but each post department may establish a higher standard weight of progression adapted to its interior requirements for articles of this class which it despatches.

Prepayment of letters optional.

ARTICLE VIII. The prepayment of postage upon ordinary letters exchanged between the United States and Italy shall be optional; but letters not prepaid, or insufficiently prepaid, shall be charged in the country of destination with an extra rate of 5 cents in the United States and of 30 centimes in Italy. The prepayment of postage upon all other articles, including registered letters, shall be compulsory; and when they shall be in no part prepaid they shall not be despatched; but in such case they shall be, if practicable, restored to the sender.

Extra rate on those not prepaid, &c.

Articles under band, partly prepaid, to be forwarded.

ARTICLE IX. The articles under band, which shall be in part prepaid, shall be forwarded to their destination; but they shall be charged there with twice the amount of the difference between the rate due and the sum actually prepaid.

Rates of postage.

ARTICLE X. The international rate of postage upon the correspondence exchanged between the two countries is based upon the following elements, to wit: (1) The interior rate of the United States; (2) The interior rate of Italy; (3) The maritime rate; (4) The intermediate transit rate; and any reduction which either country may obtain from the existing maritime and transit charges shall inure to the benefit of the people of the two countries by a corresponding reduction of the international rates of postage established in the following article so soon as the two departments shall have adjusted the amount.

Same subject.

ARTICLE XI. The international rates, combined of the elements above mentioned, and applicable to each standard of progression for the several classes of mailable articles, are established as follows, to wit: (1) For ordinary letters 20 cents in the United States and 1 franc in Italy; (2) For registered letters, in addition to the ordinary prepaid rate, an extra charge of 10 cents in the United States and of 50 centimes in Italy; (3) For documentary manuscripts, corrected proofs, and samples of merchandise, 20 cents in the United States and 1 franc in Italy; (4) For journals and all other prints, embracing articles not otherwise enumerated, the standard single rate shall be fixed by the despatching department, limited, nevertheless, by the maximum rate of 4 cents in the United States and of 15 centimes in Italy.

Interior single rates.

ARTICLE XII. Of the combined rate of international letter postage hereby established, three cents represents the interior single rate of the United States, and fifteen centimes the interior single rate of Italy. The remainder of the combined rate is assigned to the payment of the cost of sea conveyance and of intermediate transit, by whatever route the mails may be conveyed.

Registered letters and the fee.

ARTICLE XIII. Articles under band described in the third and fourth paragraphs of Article IV. of this convention may be registered in either country for despatch to the other, upon payment of the registration fee of ten cents in the United States and of fifty centimes in Italy, in addition to the prepayment of the regular postage.

Accounts.

ARTICLE XIV. In order to simplify postal accounts between the departments as much as possible, and to prepare the way for their ultimate abolition, each Post Department shall retain to its own use all the postal rates and charges which it shall collect, whether by virtue of prepayment or post payment; and each department shall pay the cost of conveyance of the mails which it despatches as far as the frontier of the country of destination. It is also especially provided that the cost of intermediate ocean and land conveyance of the closed mails shall be first defrayed by that one of the two departments which shall have obtained from the in-

intermediaries the most favorable pecuniary conditions of such conveyance ; and any amount so paid by one department for account of the other shall be reimbursed.

ARTICLE XV. It is distinctly agreed that all mailable articles addressed from one country to the other shall be exempt in the country of destination from any rate or fee whatever beyond the charges established by this convention.

Mailable articles exempt from other charges, &c.

ARTICLE XVI. Correspondence exclusively relating to the postal service shall be transmitted on both sides without any postal charge therefor.

Free correspondence.

ARTICLE XVII. Correspondence of all kinds erroneously transmitted, or wrongly addressed, shall be promptly returned to the despatching office. Articles which shall have been addressed to persons who have departed from the place of destination, leaving their address, shall be forwarded, or returned, as the case may require, charged with the postage which the addressee would have been required to pay on delivery.

Missent, &c. letters.

ARTICLE XVIII. Letters, all registered articles, and all documentary manuscripts, which shall not be delivered to their address, shall be restored to the despatching department. Any of these articles which may have been forwarded by one department to the other on account shall be restored, and credit taken for the amount originally charged by the despatching office. But samples of merchandise, newspapers, prints of all kinds, and all mailable articles not excepted which cannot be delivered to their address, shall remain at the disposal of the receiving department, provided they shall not be reclaimed by the sender or addressee within six months from the date of their despatch.

Letters, &c. not delivered to be returned.

ARTICLE XIX. Neither Post Department is required to make distribution within its jurisdiction of any articles the circulation of which shall be prohibited by the laws in force in the country of destination.

Certain articles may not be distributed.

ARTICLE XX. The Post Departments of the United States and of Italy reciprocally engage to grant each to the other the gratuitous conveyance across their respective territories of all correspondence which shall be exchanged in closed mails with any countries to which they may respectively serve as intermediaries : provided always, that such conveyance shall be effected by the ordinary means of mail conveyance in use ; and that the countries taking the benefit of such gratuitous service shall reciprocally accord the like privilege of free transit across their respective territories. The privilege is also accorded to each administration of sending an agent, at its own expense, in charge of the mails in transit. The further privilege is accorded of a free transfer of closed mails in the ports and harbors of the respective countries from one vessel to another, in continuance of their conveyance to final destination.

Closed mails without charge.

ARTICLE XXI. Correspondence of all kinds which either department shall despatch to the other for the purpose of being thence forwarded in its mails to another country of destination, shall be subject to the rates established by Article XI. of this convention, added to the ulterior rate in force beyond the frontier of the forwarding country, so that only one interior rate shall be received by the forwarding department.

Correspondence despatched to be forwarded.

ARTICLE XXII. Small sums of money may be mutually transmitted between the two countries by means of postal money orders, and the rates and conditions may be arranged by an agreement between the two departments after the system of postal money orders shall have been adopted by the United States.

Postal money orders.

ARTICLE XXIII. Until the same scale of weights shall have been adopted by the two departments, it is agreed that, for the purposes of this convention, fifteen grammes shall be taken as the equivalent of a half-ounce, forty grammes as the equivalent of one ounce and a half, and so with their respective multiples in progression as applied by the respective offices. It is also understood that the rates upon correspondence shall be

Weights and equivalents.

applied according to the weight stated by the despatching department, except in case of manifest error.

Details to be settled.

ARTICLE XXIV. The two departments shall settle by agreement between them all measures of detail and arrangement required to carry into effect this convention, which may be modified from time to time by special arrangements to be agreed upon directly between the two Post Departments.

This convention when to take effect, and how long to continue;

ARTICLE XXV. This convention shall take effect from a day to be fixed by the two Post Departments, and shall continue in force until one year from notice given by one of the departments to the other of its intention to rescind it.

when to be ratified.

ARTICLE XXVI. This convention shall be ratified, and the ratifications exchanged as soon as possible.

In witness whereof, the respective plenipotentiaries have signed the present convention and have affixed thereto their seals.

Done in duplicate, at Turin, the eighth day of July, in the year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred and sixty-three.

[L. s.]
[L. s.]

JOHN A. KASSON.
G. B. BARBAVARA.

We, having seen and examined the above-signed postal convention, and having approved thereof in all and each of its parts, have accepted, ratified, and confirmed the same, as by these presents we accept, ratify, and confirm it, promising to observe it, and to cause it to be inviolably observed.

In faith whereof, we have signed with our hand the present letter of ratification and have caused our royal seal to be affixed thereto.

Given at Turin, the sixth of the month of December, in the year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred and sixty-three, and in the fifteenth year of our reign.

[L. s.]

VICTOR EMMANUEL.

On behalf of His Majesty the King, the Minister of State for foreign affairs,

VISCONTI VENOSTA.

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

[L. s.]

ANDREW JOHNSON.

By the President:

WILLIAM H. SEWARD,
Secretary of State.

WASHINGTON, May 4, 1866.

The undersigned having met together for the purpose of exchanging the ratifications by the President of the United States of America and His Majesty the King of Italy of the postal convention concluded and signed at Turin on the 8th of July, 1863, and the said acts of ratification having been produced, and having, after careful collation, been found in good and due form, the exchange thereof took place this day. In witness whereof, the undersigned have prepared the present certificate, which they have signed in duplicate and sealed with the seal of their arms.

Done at Florence the 14th day of June, 1866.

[L. s.]
[L. s.]

GEORGE P. MARSH.
A. LA MARMORA.

Articles agreed upon between the Post Department of the United States of America represented by John A. Kasson, Esquire, Special Commissioner, and the Postal Administration of the Kingdom of Italy, represented by Cavaliere Avvocato George Battista Tantesio, Director, &c., &c., both invested with the necessary Powers for the Modification of the Convention executed between the two Countries under date of the eighth July, 1863, and as provided in the XXIVth Article of said Convention.

ARTICLE I. There shall be a regular exchange of correspondence, in closed mails, between the post department of the United States of America and the postal administration of the kingdom of Italy, as well for correspondence originating in either of said countries and destined for the other, as for that originating in or destined for foreign countries to which the United States and Italy may respectively serve as intermediaries.

This correspondence shall embrace the following articles :

1. Letters, ordinary and registered.
2. Newspapers, prints of all kinds, books, maps, plans, engravings, drawings, photographs, lithographs, sheets of music printed or written, and patterns or samples of merchandise, including grains and seeds.

ARTICLE II. The offices for the exchange of the mails shall be, on the part of the United States, New York.

On the part of Italy, —

1. Susa — travelling office.
2. Camerlata — travelling office.
3. Arona — travelling office.

The two administrations may, by common accord, establish additional offices of exchange whenever it shall be found necessary; or suspend an existing office of exchange.

ARTICLE III. Each administration shall make its own arrangements for the despatch of its mails to the other, and shall transport them at its own expense to the frontier of the country of destination.

It is also agreed that the cost of the territorial and maritime transit of the mails despatched by one administration to the other shall be first defrayed by that one of the two administrations which shall have obtained from the intermediaries the most favorable pecuniary terms for such transit; and any amount so advanced by one for the other shall be promptly reimbursed.

ARTICLE IV. The standard weight for the single rate of postage and the rule of progression shall be : —

For letters, fifteen grams.

For all other correspondence mentioned in the second paragraph of the first article, it shall be that which the despatching administration shall adopt for the mails which it despatches to the other, adapted to the convenience of its interior service.

Each administration, however, shall notify the other of the standard weight it shall adopt, and of any subsequent change thereof.

The rule of progression shall always be an additional single rate for each additional standard weight or fraction thereof.

The weight stated by the despatching office shall always be accepted, except in case of manifest mistake.

ARTICLE V. The single rate of postage for the direct correspondence is established as follows :

For letters from the United States, fifteen cents.

For letters from Italy, eighty centesimi.

For all other correspondence mentioned in the second paragraph of

Rates of postage. the first article, it shall be that which the despatching administration shall adopt for the mails it despatches, adapted to its own convenience, but each administration shall inform the other of the rate it adopts, and of any change of it.

The postage upon any correspondence, however, may be, by common accord, modified whenever the sender shall avail himself of any route which requires a higher rate than that established by this article, and the envelope shall indicate the route preferred either in writing or by the amount of postage prepaid.

Prepayment of postage.

ARTICLE VI. The prepayment of postage on ordinary letters between the United States and Italy shall be optional.

The prepayment of postage on all other correspondence, including registered letters, shall be obligatory.

The correspondence of all kinds which shall not be prepaid shall be charged by the receiving administration with a fine not exceeding 5 cents in the United States, and not exceeding 30 centesimi in Italy.

The correspondence of any kind, insufficiently prepaid, shall be despatched, but shall be charged by the receiving administration with the deficient postage, as well as the fine aforesaid.

Fractions of one cent in the United States and of 5 centesimi in Italy, shall be counted for the full amount.

Registered correspondence;

ARTICLE VII. Any correspondence may be registered, as well that directly exchanged between the two countries, as that originating in either of them and destined to other foreign countries to which they may respectively serve as intermediaries for registered correspondence, and *vice versa*.

to be prepaid; The international correspondence registered must always be prepaid, both the postage and the register fee.

fee. The fee shall be, not exceeding 10 cents in the United States, and 50 centesimi in Italy.

Basis for settlement of accounts.

ARTICLE VIII. Accounts between the two administrations shall be regulated as follows:

From the total amount of the postage collected upon letters, added to the amount of register fees, and of prepaid postages upon other articles than letters as collected by each administration, it shall deduct the cost at the established rates of the intermediate transit of the mails it despatches to the other, and the balance shall be equally divided between the two administrations.

There shall be excluded from the account all fines upon unpaid or insufficiently paid correspondence, and the deficient postages upon articles mentioned in the second paragraph of article first, all of which shall be retained to the use of the administration which collects them.

Regulations for despatch of correspondence.

ARTICLE IX. The correspondence mentioned in the second paragraph of article first shall be despatched in conformity with the interior system of the despatching administration, but always including the following rules:

(a.) The correspondence must be under bands, so that the contents can be readily examined.

(b.) There must be no written communication except the date, the name of the sender, the address, and the price, and manufacturers' marks upon samples of merchandise.

(c.) No pattern or packet may exceed sixty centimeters in length and thirty centimeters in any other dimension.

(d.) There shall be admitted no liquid nor other article which might injure the other correspondence, nor any article the importation of which may be prohibited by the laws or regulations of the country of destination.

Customs dues may be collected.

ARTICLE X. It is expressly agreed that all international correspondence exchanged shall be exempt in the country of destination from any charge whatever not expressly provided by this convention: *Provided,*

nevertheless, That any duty which may be due to the customs upon any article, under the laws of the country of destination, may be collected.

ARTICLE XI. The two administrations shall establish by common accord, and in conformity with the arrangements in force at the time, the conditions upon which the two offices may respectively exchange in open mails the correspondence originating in or destined to foreign countries to which they may reciprocally serve as intermediaries. It is always understood, however, that such correspondence shall only be charged with the international postage established by this convention, augmented by the postage due to foreign countries, or for other exterior service.

Open mails.

ARTICLE XII. The post departments of the United States and of Italy reciprocally engage to transport gratuitously across their respective territories all correspondence which shall be exchanged in closed mails with any countries to which they may respectively serve as intermediaries: *Provided always*, That such conveyance shall be effected by the ordinary means of mail conveyance in use; and that the countries taking the benefits of such gratuitous service shall reciprocally accord the like privilege of free transit across their respective territories.

Transit in closed mails.

For the transport of closed mails by either administration for the other by sea, the following rates are fixed to be charged and received by the administration rendering the service, viz.

Rates.

(a) For transport across the waters of the Atlantic Ocean, 8 cents per single letter rate; and 12 cents per kilogram net of other correspondence.

(b) For transport across the waters of the Pacific Ocean, 10 cents per single letter rate, and 20 cents per kilogram net of other correspondence.

(c) For transport across the Mediterranean Sea, 50 centesimi per 30 grams of letters net, and 60 centesimi per kilogram net of other correspondence.

(d) For intermediate territorial transport each administration shall charge and receive the amount which it shall have actually paid for the account of the other.

ARTICLE XIII. The accounts between the two administrations shall be stated quarterly, and transmitted and verified as speedily as practicable; and the debtor office shall pay the balance found due to the creditor office, either by exchange on London or at the debtor office, as the creditor office may desire.

Accounts to be stated quarterly.

The rate for the conversion of the money of the two countries shall be fixed by common agreement between the two offices.

ARTICLE XIV. When in any port of either country a closed mail is transferred from one vessel to another, without any expense to the office of the country where the transport is made, such transfer shall not be subject to any postal charge by one office against the other.

Transfer of closed mails.

ARTICLE XV. Correspondence exclusively relating to the postal service shall be transmitted on both sides free of all charge.

Correspondence relating to postal service to be free.

ARTICLE XVI. Letters wrongly sent, or wrongly addressed, or not deliverable for whatever cause, and all registered correspondence not deliverable for any cause, shall be returned as promptly as practicable to the originating office, at its cost, if any cost is incurred. Any postages on returned correspondence which may have been charged against the returning office shall be discharged from the account.

Missent letters, &c.

All other correspondence which cannot be delivered shall remain at the disposition of the receiving administration.

ARTICLE XVII. Small sums of money may be mutually transmitted from one country to the other by means of postal money orders; and the rates and conditions may be arranged by agreement between the two departments, so soon as such arrangement may be found convenient.

Postal money orders.

ARTICLE XVIII. The two administrations shall in concert establish detailed regulations for the execution of these articles, and both the

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articles and the regulations may be modified from time to time by accord of the two administrations, as the exigencies of the service may require.

When convention takes effect, and how may be terminated.

ARTICLE XIX. This convention shall take effect on the first of April next, and shall continue in force until one year from the time when one of the contracting parties shall have given to the other notice of its desire to terminate it, unless sooner terminated or modified by mutual agreement.

Convention when to be ratified.

ARTICLE XX. This convention shall be ratified on the part of the United States by the Postmaster-General, and on the part of Italy by the Director-General of Posts, and the ratifications exchanged as early as possible.

In testimony whereof, the two commissioners have subscribed their names and affixed their seals thereto.

Done at Florence in duplicate original, this eighth day of November, A. D. eighteen hundred and sixty-seven.

[SEAL.]

JOHN A. KASSON,

Special Commissioner, &c., &c.

[SEAL.]

GIO. BATTISTA TANTESIO,

Commissioner of Posts.

POST-OFFICE DEPARTMENT, }
Washington, November 29, 1867. }

Approved by the Postmaster-General;

Having examined and considered the foregoing articles of a postal convention, for the modification of the convention executed between the United States of America and the kingdom of Italy under date of 8th July, 1863, which were agreed upon and signed in duplicate at Florence on the eighth day of November, one thousand eight hundred and sixty-seven, by the Hon. John A. Kasson, special commissioner, &c., on behalf of this department, and by Chevalier Advocate Giovanni Battista Tantesio, chief director of the Post-Office Department of the kingdom of Italy, on behalf of his department, the same are by me hereby ratified and approved, by and with the advice and consent of the President of the United States.

In witness whereof, I have caused the seal of the Post-Office Department to be hereto affixed, with my signature, the day and year first above written.

[SEAL.]

ALEXANDER W. RANDALL,

Postmaster-General United States.

WASHINGTON, November 30, 1867.

by the President of the United States.

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

[SEAL.]

ANDREW JOHNSON.

By the President :

WILLIAM H. SEWARD, *Secretary of State.*

DETAILED REGULATIONS

Arranged between the Post-Office Department of the United States of America and the Postal Administration of Italy, for the Execution of the Postal Convention signed at Florence the 8th day of November, A. D. 1867. March 19, May 2, 1868.

- ARTICLE I. The exchange office of New York shall make up closed mails for the exchange office of Italy, Susa, Turin travelling office, and this Italian exchange office shall make up closed mails for New York. Closed mails.
- ARTICLE II. Each mail exchanged between the two administrations shall be accompanied by a letter bill showing the postages, the charges of transit, the fees, etc., accruing to each office upon the different kinds of correspondence. Letter bills.
- The form of this letter bill shall follow the models A and B hereto annexed, and shall consecutively be numbered by the despatching office during each calendar year. Forms. Post, pp. 1016, 1018.
- The receiving office shall acknowledge its receipt by the next despatch. Receipts.
- ARTICLE III. The exchange offices shall divide the correspondence which they despatch into a suitable number of separate packages, according to the letter bill. Separate packages.
- * Each of these packages shall bear the proper etiquette and number corresponding to the letter bill.
- ARTICLE IV. When more than a single rate is chargeable upon any letter or other article, the number of rates to which it is subject shall be indicated by the despatching office, by a figure in the upper left corner of the address. Number of rates, if more than one, how to be indicated.
- ARTICLE V. Registered correspondence shall be described in a register list, following the model C, hereto annexed. Register list. Post, p. 1020.
- All registered letters shall be enveloped together in a strong paper securely fastened, and the packet inscribed with the words "Registered" or "Raccomandato," and placed in the mail. Registered letters and articles.
- The blank in the letter bill for expressing the number of registered articles shall be filled by letters expressing the number.
- In case no registered articles are sent, the proper blank of the letter bill shall be filled by the word *Nihil*, or *Nil*.
- ARTICLE VI. The registered letters despatched shall be acknowledged immediately by the receiving office. Same subject.
- If the verification by the receiving office shall disclose an error of any kind in the register list, it shall be also by the first mail notified to the despatching office.
- ARTICLE VII. The two administrations mutually engage to take needful measures for the careful transmission of registered correspondence, and for pursuing it when lost; but it is understood that neither assumes to the other any pecuniary responsibility in case of loss. Same subject.
- ARTICLE VIII. All letters exchanged between the two offices shall indicate, by stamps or writing thereon, the office of origin. Marks and stamps.
- Correspondence fully paid to destination shall be stamped *Paid All* in the United States, and *P. D.* in Italy.

Registered articles shall be stamped "*Registered*" in the United States, and "*Raccomandato*" in Italy. Correspondence insufficiently prepaid shall be stamped "*Insufficiently Paid*" in the United States, and "*Francobolo Insufficiente*" in Italy, and the amount of the deficient postage expressed in figures on the face.

Whenever different lines of communication shall be employed between the two offices, the letters unpaid and insufficiently paid shall be stamped to indicate the route by which they are sent.

Countries, &c. for exchange by open mails. *Post*, pp. 1021, 1022.

ARTICLE IX. The countries with which, and the conditions on which, letters, ordinary and registered, and also other correspondence, may be exchanged in the open mails between Italy and the United States, are indicated in the tables marked D and E, hereto annexed.

Postage due, how indicated.

ARTICLE X. The respective exchange offices shall mark, in red ink, in the upper corner of the address of prepaid letters sent for transit in the open mail, the amount of the postage due to the foreign office of destination, and in the same manner, but in black ink, shall mark the amount of the postage due to the foreign office of origin upon the unpaid letters so sent in transit.

Correspondence under band not conforming, &c. may be retained.

ARTICLE XI. Correspondence under band which does not conform to the conditions mentioned in Article IX. of the convention, or which is in no part prepaid, shall be retained by the administration of origin, or, if sent, shall not be subject to account.

Letters insufficiently paid, to be sent as wholly unpaid.

ARTICLE XII. Letters originating in or destined for foreign countries, sent in the open mails through the United States or through Italy, and which are insufficiently prepaid, shall be transmitted as wholly unpaid, and no account taken between the two administrations of the amount prepaid.

Letters, &c. not deliverable, to be returned.

ARTICLE XIII. Letters, and all registered articles not deliverable, shall be respectively returned to the despatching administration at the end of every month.

The postage on unpaid letters so returned shall be deducted from the account against the office originally charged therewith.

The postage on prepaid letters so returned shall remain in the account as originally entered.

The expense of transit of unpaid correspondence which has been transmitted by either administration in closed mails, and which shall be returned to the despatching office as not deliverable, shall be deducted from the original amount charged for transit upon a declaration of the amount by the office claiming the reduction. No charge will be made by either administration for the transit of correspondence returned as not deliverable.

Missent, &c. letters.

ARTICLE XIV. All correspondence wrongly addressed or missent shall be returned without delay by the receiving office to the exchange office which despatched it. The receiving office shall also correct accordingly, in the column of verification, the original entries of the letter bill relating to such correspondence. The articles of a like nature addressed to persons who have changed their residence shall be mutually forwarded or returned, charged with the rate that would have been paid at the first destination.

Letter bills to state what.

ARTICLE XV. The despatching exchange office shall state on the letter bill to the intermediate exchange offices the exact number of single rates of letters (or weight, if required) and the total weight of the other correspondence which shall be despatched in closed mails.

Accounts between the two offices.

ARTICLE XVI. It is understood that the accounts between the two offices shall be established on the respective letter bills in the proper money of the despatching office.

For the international charges, the reduction of these moneys shall be effected in the general accounts at the rate of five lire ten centesimi for one dollar of the United States.

In entering the foreign charges on the letter bill in the money of the despatching office, the *cent* of the United States and five centesimi of Italy shall be taken as equivalents.

It is also understood that the quarterly accounts shall be paid, respectively, in gold, and in the denominations of the money of the creditor office.

ARTICLE XVII. The quarterly accounts shall be prepared by the respective despatching offices of exchange. They shall be based upon the acknowledgments of receipt, and shall, respectively, be arranged according to the models hereto annexed and marked F and G.

Quarterly accounts.

Post, pp. 1023, 1025.

A recapitulation of these accounts, showing the definitive results alike for the debit and credit, shall be prepared by the United States office, and shall then be transmitted, with the accounts on which it is based, for the examination of the Post-Office of Italy.

ARTICLE XVIII. These detailed regulations shall be ratified on the part of the United States by the Postmaster-General, and on the part of Italy by the Director-General of Posts.

Regulations when to be ratified.

Done at Florence, in duplicate original, this 19th of March, 1868, and at Washington this 2d of May, 1868.

[SEAL.]
[SEAL.]

JOHN A. KASSON.
G. B. TANTESIO.

POST OFFICE DEPARTMENT,
Washington, May 2, 1868.

The foregoing articles of detailed regulations for carrying into execution the postal convention of 8th November, 1867, between the United States and Italy, are hereby ratified and approved.

Witness my hand and the seal of the Post-Office Department this 2d day of May, A. D. 1868.

[SEAL.]

ALEX. W. RANDALL,
Postmaster-General.

Of the Mail from the Office of _____ to the Office of _____, the _____ of _____, 186_____.

Nos. of the Articles of Account.	Nature of the Correspondence.	Weight per Single Rate.		Statement by the Italian Office.			Verification by the American Office.		
		Grammes.	Ctms.	No. of the Single Rates.	Amount in		No. of the Single Rates.	Amount in	
					Frcs.	Ctms.		Frcs.	Ctms.
TABLE I.—INTERNATIONAL CORRESPONDENCE.									
1	Prepaid letters (including those registered)	15	.80	—	"	"	—	"	"
2	Unpaid letters	15	.80	—	"	"	—	"	"
3		15	"	—	"	"	—	"	"
4	Insufficiently paid letters	No. of rates	Amount of postage stamps affixed	"	"	"	"	"	"
5				Amount of deficient postage	"	"	"	"	"
6	Prepaid or insufficiently prepaid newspapers and prints, and amount of their full or insufficient postage	40	12	"	—	—	"	—	—
6 bis.	Prepaid or insufficiently prepaid patterns of merchandise, and the amount of their postage	100	60	"	—	—	"	—	—
TABLE II.—EXTRANATIONAL CORRESPONDENCE.									
7	Letters from Italy for countries beyond the United States	Unpaid	International rates	—	"	"	—	"	"
8				Prepaid	Foreign rates to credit of the United States	"	"	"	"
9	Letters from foreign countries for the United States	Prepaid	International rates	—	"	"	—	"	"
10				Unpaid	Foreign rates to credit of Italy	"	"	"	"
11	Letters from foreign countries for countries beyond the United States	Prepaid	International rates	—	"	"	—	"	"
12				Unpaid	Foreign rates to credit of the United States	"	"	"	"
13	Journals, prints, and patterns, prepaid, originating in Italy for countries beyond the United States, and originating in the countries beyond Italy for the United States, and for countries beyond the United States	Prepaid	International rates	—	"	"	—	"	"
14				Unpaid	Foreign rates to credit of Italy	"	"	"	"
15	Journals, prints, and patterns, prepaid, originating in Italy for countries beyond the United States, and originating in the countries beyond Italy for the United States, and for countries beyond the United States	Prepaid	International rates	—	"	"	—	"	"
16				Unpaid	Foreign rates to credit of the United States	"	"	"	"
17	Journals, prints, and patterns, prepaid, originating in Italy for countries beyond the United States, and originating in the countries beyond Italy for the United States, and for countries beyond the United States	Prepaid	International rates	—	"	"	—	"	"
18				Unpaid	Foreign rates to credit of the United States	"	"	"	"
TABLE III.—REGISTERED CORRESPONDENCE.									
19	Number of the registered articles, and of their fixed fees	—	—	—	"	"	—	"	"
20	Amount of supplementary register fees due to the United States upon registered correspondence for countries beyond the United States	—	—	—	"	"	—	"	"

TABLE IV. — CORRESPONDENCE RETURNED ON ACCOUNT OF CHANGE OF RESIDENCE.

21 } Letters prepaid and unpaid forwarded to persons } Prior postage to credit of Italy
 22 } having changed their residence } No. of the international rates
 Mem. — Missent articles: ———.

Number of the Registered Articles contained in this Mail : ———.

“	“	“	“	“	“
Rates.	Amounts.		Rates.	Amounts.	
	Frs.	Cent		Frs.	Cent.
Grammes.			Grammes.		

TABLE V. — FOR ACCOUNTING FOR INTERMEDIATE TRANSIT CHARGES.

23 Total number of letter rates contained in this mail
 (See Arts. 1, 2, 3, 7, 8, 10, 11, 13, 15, and 22, of this Letter Bill)
 24 } Net weight of the articles contained in this mail . { Lettèrs
 25 } { Prints

TABLE VI. — CLOSED MAILS IN TRANSIT THROUGH THE UNITED STATES.

No. of the Articles of Account.	Office of Origin.	Office of Destination.	Letters.		Prints.
			Number of Rates.	Net Weight in Grams.	Net Weight in Grams.
			Total		
26		Total			
27		Total			
28		Total			

TABLE III. — OF REGISTER FEES.

- 19 Total number of register fees and registered articles herewith
 20 Amount of supplementary fees on same, due to countries beyond Italy, to account for to Italy

TABLE IV. — LETTERS FORWARDED FOR CHANGE OF RESIDENCE.

- 21 Letters prepaid and unpaid, of whatever origin, forwarded to persons who have changed their national address } Prior postage unpaid, amount to account for, to exclusive credit of United States
 22 } Expense of returning the correspondence } No. of rates at 6½ cents per single rate
 [Memo. — Articles missent, or wrongly addressed. Note the number of articles]

No. of registered articles by this mail: —

Total No. of Rates by this Mail.	Amounts.		Total No. of Single Rates by this Mail.	Amounts.	
	Dolls.	Cts.		Dolls.	Cts.
	—	—		—	—
Grams.			Grams.		

TABLE V. — FOR ACCOUNTING FOR INTERMEDIATE TRANSIT.

- 23 Total number of single rates of letters sent by this mail
 (See items, 1, 2, 3, 7, 8, 10, 11, 13, 15, 22, of this letter bill.)

- 24 Total weight (net) of articles in this mail, { Letters *
 25 } Journals, etc., etc.

TABLE VI. — CLOSED MAILS DESPATCHED HEREWITH FOR ITALIAN TRANSIT.

No. of the Items of Account.	Office of Origin.	Destination.	Letters.		Journals, etc., etc.
			No. of Single Rates	Net Weight in Grams.†	Net Weight in Kilograms.
26		Total			
27		Total			
28		Total			

* This line to be left blank in letter bills for Belgium and Holland; but to be filled in letter bills for Germany, Switzerland, and Italy.
 † This column to be left blank in letter bills for Belgium and Holland; but is to be filled in letter bills for Germany, Switzerland, and Italy.

POST-OFFICE DEPARTMENT OF }
THE UNITED STATES. }

C.
(See p. 1013.)

{ CORRESPONDENCE WITH THE
ITALIAN POST-OFFICE. }

Descriptive List of the Letters and other Registered Articles contained in the Mail sent by the United States Office of Exchange of _____ to the Italian Office of Exchange of _____, the _____, 18—.

Numbers.	Nature of the Registered Articles. (1)	Origin.	To whom addressed.	Destination.	Amount of the Supplementary Registration Fees to pay to the Italian Office on Registered Articles destined for Foreign Countries.		Verification by the Receiving Officer.
					Dollars.	Cents.	
1							
2							
3							
4							
5							
6							
7							
8							
9							
10							
11							
12							
13							
14							
15							
16							
17							
18							
19							
20							
Total number of the Registered Articles to be carried to Art. 19 of the Letter Bill							
Total amount to be carried to Art. 20 of the Letter Bill . . \$							

Certified by _____

(1) Letters, newspapers or book packets under band, patterns of merchandise, etc.

D.

(See p. 1014.)

TABLE of the Countries with which the Postal Administration of the United States may exchange Correspondence through the Italian Post-Office, together with the Foreign Postage to which such Correspondence is subjected over and above the International Postage.

Foreign Countries.	Letters.			Journals, Books, and Prints.			Patterns.			Observation.
	Weight per Single Rate.	Additional Postage.	Additional Registration Fee.	Weight per Single Rate.	Additional Postage.	Additional Registration Fee.	Weight per Single Rate.	Additional Postage.	Additional Registration Fee.	
Pontifical State.....	10	.....	.....	40	.....	.....	100	.....	.....	Letters, newspapers, prints, and patterns from the United States or the Pontifical States should be prepaid to within the boundaries of the kingdom of Italy.
Greece.....	10	30	30	40	07	.....	.....	.....	.....	Registration of newspapers and prints for Greece is not allowed, and patterns are subject to letter postage.
Alexandria, in Egypt..	10	30	30	40	05	30	50	20	30	Samples of groceries and drugs, or any articles of material not dry nor flexible, are subject to letter postage as by existing laws in the United States.
Tunis.....	10	30	30	40	05	30	50	20	30	

E.

(See p. 1014.)

TABLE showing the Countries with which Italy may exchange Correspondence through the United States open Mails, and the Amount to be added to the International Rates between Italy and the United States for Account of exterior Service.

Countries.	Letters.			Newspapers.			Book Packets, Prints, and Samples.			Observations.
	Standard weight.	Additional postage.	Additional register fee.	Standard weight.	Additional postage.	Additional register fee.	Standard weight.	Additional postage.	Additional register fee.	
	Grams.	Cents.	Cents.	Grams.	Cents.	Cents.	Grams.	Cents.	Cents.	
Acapulco	15	10		120	2		120	4		At present, registration exists only for Canada, New Brunswick, and Nova Scotia, and for letters only. Samples must be confined to samples and sample cards of dry flexible material. Packages of hardware, groceries, &c. are subject to full letter rate of postage under existing laws of the United States, and hence cannot be forwarded through the United States to countries beyond at less than letter rate of postage.
Aspinwall	"	10		"	2		"	4		
Belize, British Honduras	"	10		"	2		"	4		
Brazils	"	10		"	2		"	4		
Canada	"		5	"			"			
New Brunswick	"		5	"			"			
Nova Scotia	"		5	"			"			
Central America and Pacific Coast, <i>via</i> Panama	"	10		"	2		"	4		
China	"	10		"	2		"	4		
Costa Rica	"	10		"	2		"	4		
Cuba	"	10		"	2		"	4		
Guatemala	"	10		"	2		"	4		
Japan	"	10		"	2		"	4		
Mexico, by sea	"	10		"	2		"	4		
Nicaragua, Pacific Coast, <i>via</i> Panama	"	10		"	2		"	4		
Panama	"	10		"	2		"	4		
Sandwich Islands	"	10		"	2		"	4		
St. Thomas, <i>via</i> United States, Brazilian packets	"	10		"	2		"	4		
Venezuela	"	10		"	2		"	4		
West Indies (British)	"	10		"	2		"	4		

Registration not yet allowed.

Registration not yet allowed.

F. (See p. 1015.)

ACCOUNT of the Correspondence despatched in closed Mails from the Italian Office of _____ to the United States Office of _____, via _____, during the Quarter ending the _____, 18—.

[NUMBERS OF THE ARTICLES OF THE LETTER BILL.]

		1	2	4	5	6	6 bis.	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	14	15	16	17	18	19	20	21	22	23	25		
		INTERNATIONAL CORRESPONDENCE.						EXTRANATIONAL CORRESPONDENCE.												REGISTERED CORRESPONDENCE.	RETURNED CORRESPONDENCE.	INTERMEDIATE TRANSIT CHARGES.					
Dates of the mails.		Prepaid letters.	Unpaid letters.	Letters insufficiently prepaid.		Prepaid newspapers and prints.	Prepaid samples of merchandise.	Letters from Italy for countries beyond the United States.			Letters from foreign countries for the United States.			Letters from foreign countries for countries beyond the United States.			Newspapers, prints, and patterns, from Italy and the countries beyond Italy, addressed to the United States and to countries beyond the United States.			No. of the registered articles and of their registration fees.	Amount of the supplementary register fees, due to the United States for registration to countries beyond the United States.		Amount of the prior postages to credit of Italy.		Unpaid international postages.	Letters.	Newspapers, prints, and patterns.
Nos. in annual order of the letter bill.		Number of rates.	Number of rates.	Amount of the postage stamps affixed.	Amount of the postage deficient.	Amount of their prepayment.	Amount of their prepayment.	Unpaid.	Prepaid.	Paid.	Unpaid.	Prepaid.	Unpaid.	Amount of the international postages.	Amount of the foreign postages due to the United States.	No. of the registered articles and of their registration fees.		Amount of the prior postages to credit of Italy.			No. of rates.	Grams.	Grams.				
		lire.	c.	lire.	c.	lire.	c.	lire.	c.		lire.	c.	lire.	c.	lire.	c.	lire.	c.	lire.	c.	lire.	c.	lire.	c.	Grams.	Grams.	
Totals																											
Rate.																											
Amt.																											

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To CREDIT OF THE UNITED STATES ADMINISTRATION.				To CREDIT OF THE ITALIAN ADMINISTRATION.					
Items of the Account.	Sums to be divided between the two administrations.		Sums wholly due to the U. States administration.		Items of the Account.	Sums to be divided between the two administrations.		Sums wholly due to the Italian administration.	
	1	2	3	4		5	6		
1			"	"	2	"	"		
4			"	"	5	"	"		
6			"	"	7	"	"		
6 bis			"	"	11	"	"		
8			"	"	12	"	"		
9	"	"			15	"	"		
10			"	"	16	"	"		
13			"	"	21	"	"		
14	"	"			22	"	"		
17			"	"					
18	"	"			Totals				
19			"	"	One half due Italy				
20	"	"							
Totals									
Deduct intermediate transit charges. { 24 L									
{ 25 L									
Total of sums to be divided									
One half due the United States									

G. (See p. 1015.)
 QUARTERLY ACCOUNT
 Of the Mails sent by the United States Exchange Office of _____, during the Quarter ending _____, 18____, via _____, to the Italian Exchange Office of _____

		1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	14	15	16	17	18	19	20	21	22	23	25	
Numbers of the letter bills.	Prepaid letters																									
	Unpaid letters																									
Totals	Total amount prepaid.																									
	Total amount deficient.																									
At rate of	Prepaid letters																									
	Unpaid letters																									
Totals	Number of rates.	15	15																							
	Amount of foreign postage to account for to Italy.																									
Totals	Number of rates.	15	15																							
	Amount of foreign postage to account for to the U. States.																									
Totals	Number of rates.	15	15																							
	Amount of foreign postage to account for to Italy.																									
Totals	Number of rates.	15	15																							
	Amount of foreign postage to account for to Italy.																									
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Totals	Number of rates.	15	15																							
	Amount of foreign postage to account for to Italy.																									
Totals	Number of rates.	15	15																							
	Amount of foreign postage to account for to Italy.																									

SUMMARY OF THE WITHIN ACCOUNT.

Sums for which the United States office must account to Italy.					Sums for which the Italian office must account to the United States.				
For items of the account.	Nos.	Sums to be divided.		Sums wholly due to Italy.	For items of the account, numbered.	Sums to be divided.		Sums wholly due to the United States.	
	1				2				
	4				5				
	6				7				
	8				11				
	9				12				
	10				15				
	13				16				
	14				21				
	17				22				
	18								
	19								
	20								
					Totals				
					One half (½) to United States is				
					One half to Italy is				
					One half joint sum opposite is				
					Exclusive amount due Italy (opposite) is				
					Total of sums to sole credit of Italy				
					Total of sums to sole credit of the United States				
					Net balance due to — is				
Totals									
Deduct intermediate transit charges	23 25	\$	cts.						
Balance to be divided is									
One half due to the United States is									
One half joint sum opposite is									
Exclusive amount due U. States (opposite) is									
Total of sums to sole credit of United States									
Total of sums to sole credit of Italy									
Net balance due to — is									

Dated at _____, this _____ day of _____, 18—.

AMENDED ARTICLE.

To replace Article XVI. of the Detailed Regulations for the Execution of the Postal Convention signed at Florence the 8th day of November, 1867. May 1 & 25, 1869.
Anle, pp. 1011,
1012.

In accordance with Article XVIII. of the postal convention between Italy and the United States, signed at Florence on the eighth day of November, eighteen hundred and sixty-seven, the two administrations have agreed to replace Article XVI. of the detailed regulations of nineteenth day of March and second day of May, one thousand eight hundred and sixty-eight, by the following article:—

ARTICLE XVI.

It is understood that the accounts between the two offices shall be established, in the respective letter-bills, in the proper money of the despatching office; but the international postages on the unpaid letters, or insufficiently prepaid letters, shall be computed in the money of the receiving office. The reduction of these moneys shall be effected in the general accounts at the rate of five lire ten centesimi of Italy for one dollar of the United States. Postal accounts between the post-offices of the United States and Italy to be in what money.

In entering the foreign charges on the letter-bill, in the money of the despatching office, the cent of the United States and five centesimi of Italy shall be taken as equivalent.

It is also understood that the quarterly accounts shall be paid, respectively, in gold, and in the denomination of the money of the creditor office.

Signed at Washington, the first day of May, eighteen hundred and sixty-nine, and at Florence the twenty-fifth day of May, eighteen hundred and sixty-nine.

JNO. A. J. CRESWELL,
Postmaster-General.

G. BARBAVARA,
Director-General of Posts.

Additional Convention to the Convention agreed upon between the Post Department of the United States of America and the Postal Administration of the Kingdom of Italy, signed at Florence the eighth day of November, A. D. eighteen hundred and sixty-seven. Jan. 16, 1870.
Ante, p. 1019.

An additional Convention 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 having established a reduced charge of six cents per ounce, or per thirty grammes, for the sea conveyance across the Atlantic of letters sent in closed mails through the United Kingdom, the undersigned, duly authorized by their respective governments, have agreed upon the following articles:— Ante, p. 869.

ARTICLE I. The single rate of letter postage on the direct correspondence exchanged between the two administrations, by closed mail, via England, shall be as follows: Rates of letter-postage.

For letters from the United States, ten cents.

For letters from Italy, fifty-five centesimi.

And for the sea conveyance of letters, in closed mails, across the waters of the Atlantic Ocean, the United States office shall receive six cents per ounce, or per thirty grammes.

ARTICLE II. The conditions of Articles V. and XII. of the convention agreed upon between the post department of the United States of America and the postal administration of the Kingdom of Italy, signed at Florence the eighth day of November, A. D. eighteen hundred and sixty-seven, so far as they are contrary to the preceding article, are repealed. Repeal of former articles.

ARTICLE III. The present convention, which shall be considered as additional to the convention of the eighth day of November, one thousand eight hundred and sixty-seven, shall come into operation on the fifteenth day of February, one thousand eight hundred and seventy. This convention to be additional.

Done in duplicate, and signed in Florence the sixteenth day of January, one thousand eight hundred and seventy, and in Washington the eighth day of February, one thousand eight hundred and seventy.

[SEAL.]

JNO. A. J. CRESWELL,

Postmaster - General of the United States.

BARBAVARA,

Director-General.

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

[SEAL.]

U. S. GRANT.

By the President:

HAMILTON FISH, *Secretary of State.*

WASHINGTON, February 8, 1870.

