

Convention agreed upon between the Post Departments of the United States of America and of the North German Union for the Amelioration of the Postal Service between the two Countries.

ARTICLE I. There shall be an exchange of correspondence between the United States of America and the North German Union, by means of their respective post departments; and this correspondence shall embrace: —

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Correspondence to be exchanged; to embrace what.

1st. Letters ordinary and registered.

2d. Newspapers, book-packets, prints of all kinds, (comprising maps, plans, engravings, drawings, photographs, lithographs, and all other like productions of mechanical processes, sheets of music, &c.,) and patterns or samples of merchandise, including grains and seeds.

And such correspondence may be exchanged, whether originating in either of said countries and destined for the other, or originating in or destined for foreign countries to which these may respectively serve as intermediaries.

ARTICLE II. The offices for the exchange of mails shall be, —

Offices for exchange of mails

(a) on the part of the United States:

1st. New York.

2d. Boston.

3d. Portland.

4th. Detroit.

5th. Chicago.

(b) on the part of the North German Union:

1st. Aachen, (Aix la Chapelle.)

2d. Bremen.

3d. Hamburg.

The two post departments may at any time discontinue either of said offices of exchange, or establish others by mutual consent.

ARTICLE III. Each office shall make its own arrangements for the despatch of its mails to the other office by regular lines of communication; and should at its own cost pay the expense of such intermediate transportation.

Arrangements for despatch of mails, &c.
Cost of transportation.

The two offices, however, mutually agree, that, in making contracts for the despatch of mails from American ports, or from European ports, those steamers and lines should always be employed, so far as consistent with the rates of postage, by which the mails despatched shall earliest arrive at their destination; and when the speed is substantially the same, that the most favorable pecuniary conditions should be preferred. It is also agreed that the cost of international ocean and territorial transit of the closed mails between the respective frontiers shall be first defrayed by that one of the two departments which shall have obtained from the intermediaries the most favorable pecuniary terms for such conveyance; and any amount so advanced by one for account of the other shall be promptly reimbursed.

Contracts for despatch of mails.

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

1st. For letters, 15 grammes.

2d. For all other correspondence mentioned in paragraph two of the first article, that which the despatching office shall adopt for the mails which it despatches to the other, adapted to the convenience and habits of its interior administration. But each office shall give notice to the other of the standard weight it adopts, and of any subsequent change thereof.

Weight for single rate of international postage.

Rule of progression.

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.

The *loth* equivalent of 15 grammes.

It is, however, understood that so long as the German office employs the *loth* as its standard for the single weight of letters which it despatches, it shall also be accepted by the United States office as the equivalent of 15 grammes, in respect to the mails which it receives from the German office.

Rates of postage.

ARTICLE V. The single rate of postage on the direct correspondence exchanged between the two administrations shall be as follows :

1st. On letters from the United States via direct line of steamers to Hamburg and Bremen, (conditioned that the sea rate in such case shall not exceed five cents for single letter rate and ten cents per kilogram for other correspondence,) ten cents.

2d. On letters from the North German Union via said direct line, (subject to same condition,) four silber groschen.

3d. On letters from the United States via England, fifteen cents.

4th. On letters from the North German Union via England, six silber groschen.

5th. Of the international letter postage via England, the ocean single letter rate shall not exceed eight cents, nor shall the English and Belgian single letter transit rates exceed one cent each.

6th. It is further agreed, that whenever any other regular line of steam communication, acceptable to the two offices, may be employed directly between any port of the United States and any port of the north of Europe at such rates that the entire cost of transportation between the two frontiers shall not exceed for each single letter rate five cents, and for each kilogram of other correspondence ten cents, in that case the international single rate of letter postage by such line shall be reduced to ten cents.

7th. On all other correspondence mentioned in paragraph two of the first article, the rate shall be, for the mails despatched, that which the despatching office shall adopt, adapted to the convenience and habits of its interior administration. But each office shall give notice to the other of the rate it adopts, and of any subsequent change thereof.

Prepayment of postage.

ARTICLE VI. The prepayment of postage on ordinary letters shall be optional, subject to the conditions in Article VII., mentioned; but on registered letters, and on all other correspondence mentioned in paragraph two of the first article, it shall be obligatory.

Proceedings when postage is unpaid or insufficiently paid.

ARTICLE VII. If, however, the postage on any correspondence shall be prepaid insufficiently, it shall nevertheless be forwarded to its destination, but charged with the deficient postage.

Upon the delivery of any unpaid or insufficiently paid letter, or of any other insufficiently paid correspondence, there shall be levied in the United States a fine not exceeding five cents, and in the North German Union an additional charge not exceeding two silber groschen. This fine, or additional charge, as well as the deficient postage on all other correspondence than letters, shall not enter into the accounts between the two offices, but shall be retained to the use of the collecting office.

Regulations for despatch of mails.

ARTICLE VIII. The correspondence mentioned in paragraph two of the first article shall be despatched under regulations to be established by the despatching office, but always including the following:—

First No packet shall contain anything which shall be closed against inspection, nor any written communication whatever, except to state from whom and to whom the packet is sent, and the number and price placed upon each pattern or sample of merchandise.

Second. No packet may exceed two feet in length, or one foot in any other dimension.

Third. Neither office shall be bound to deliver any article the importa-

tion of which may be prohibited by the laws or regulations of the country of destination. Despatch of mails.

Fourth. So long as any customs duty may be chargeable on any articles exchanged in the mails, such duty may be levied for the use of the customs.

It is further agreed, that except a small local carrier's charge, (so long as it shall exist in the rural districts of North Germany,) no charge whatever, otherwise than is herein expressly provided, shall be levied or collected on the letters and other correspondence exchanged.

ARTICLE IX. Any correspondence may be registered, as well international correspondence as that originating in or destined for other countries to which these two administrations may respectively serve as intermediaries for the transmission of such registered articles. Each department shall notify the other of the countries to which it may thus serve as intermediary. Registered correspondence.

Each department shall use its best exertions for the safe delivery, or, when miscarried, for the recovery of any registered correspondence, but is not responsible pecuniarily for the loss of any such correspondence.

ARTICLE X. Registered correspondence shall, in addition to the postage, be subject to a registration fee, not exceeding ten cents in the United States, and not exceeding two silber groschen in the North German Union, and this fee shall be always prepaid. Postage and registration fee.

ARTICLE XI. Accounts between the two offices shall be regulated on the following basis: From the total amount of postages and register fees collected by each office on letters, added to the total amount of prepaid postages and register fees on other correspondence which it despatches, the despatching office shall deduct the amount required, at the agreed rate, for the cost of the intermediate transit thereof between the two frontiers, and the amount of the two net sums shall be equally divided between the two offices. Basis for settlement of accounts.

ARTICLE XII. The two post departments shall establish by agreement, 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 other foreign countries to which they may reciprocally serve as intermediaries. Open mails.

It is always understood, however, that such correspondence shall only be charged with the rate applicable to direct international correspondence, augmented by the postage due to foreign countries, and by any other tax for exterior service.

But the North German office reserves the right to fix a time, if necessary, when this rule shall only apply to correspondence despatched from the United States for such other countries, unless the latter shall have accepted the same rule in behalf of the correspondence despatched through them by the North German office.

ARTICLE XIII. Each office grants to the other the privilege of transit of the closed mails exchanged, in either direction, between the latter and any country to which the other may serve as intermediary, by its usual means of mail transportation, whether on sea or land, and the terms of transit shall be agreed upon when the exercise of the privilege is required. Transit of closed mails through either country.

ARTICLE XIV. The postal accounts between the two offices shall be stated quarterly, and transmitted and verified as speedily as practicable; and the balance found due shall be paid to the creditor office, either by exchange on London or at the debtor office, as the creditor office may desire. Postal accounts, when to be stated, &c. See *post*, p. 985.

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

ARTICLE XV. 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 transfer is made, such transfer shall not be subject to any postal charge by one office against the other. Transfer of closed mails without expense.

Official communications.

ARTICLE XVI. Official communications addressed from one office to the other shall not be the occasion of any accounts between the two offices.

Missent letters, &c.

ARTICLE XVII. Letters wrongly sent, or wrongly addressed, or not deliverable for whatever cause, shall be returned to the originating office, at its expense, if any expense is incurred. Registered correspondence of all kinds, not deliverable for any cause, shall also be returned in like manner. All other correspondence which cannot be delivered shall remain at the disposition of the receiving office. Any postages upon correspondence returned which shall have been charged against the office of destination, shall be discharged from the account.

Provisions of this convention may be extended to other German States.

ARTICLE XVIII. In view of the possible desire of other German States to avail themselves of the advantages of postal association with the States now embraced in the North German Union, it is further agreed that the provisions of this convention shall be extended to and shall comprise them, whenever such other States shall declare their desire to join for this purpose, and notice thereof shall have been given to the United States Post Department.

Regulations.

ARTICLE XIX. The two offices shall, by mutual consent, establish detailed regulations for carrying these articles into execution; and they may modify such regulations, in like manner, from time to time, as the exigencies of the service may require.

Former conventions to cease when this takes effect.

ARTICLE XX. From the time this convention shall take effect, all former conventions between the two offices and between the United States office on the one part, and, on the other part, of Bremen and also of Hamburg, shall cease to be in force, except for the settlement of accounts which shall have previously accrued thereunder.

This convention, being first approved, shall take effect not later than the 1st day of January next, and shall continue in force until cancelled by mutual agreement, or otherwise, until one year from the date when one office shall have given notice to the other of its desire to terminate it.

Executed in duplicate at Berlin the twenty-first day of October, one thousand eight hundred and sixty-seven.

[SEAL.]

JOHN A. KASSON,
Special Commissioner, &c., &c.

[SEAL.]

RICHARD v. PHILIPSBORN,
Director-General of the Post Department.

POST-OFFICE DEPARTMENT, }
Washington, November 12, 1867. }

Approved by the Postmaster-General :

Having examined and considered the foregoing articles of a convention for the amelioration of the postal service between the United States of America and the North German Union, agreed upon and executed in duplicate at Berlin, the twenty-first day of October, one thousand eight hundred and sixty-seven, by Hon. John A. Kasson, Special Commissioner, &c., &c. on behalf of this department, and by Richard v. Philipsborn, Director-General of the Post Department of the North German Union, 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 affixed hereto, with my signature, the day and year first above written.

[SEAL.]

ALEX. W. RANDALL, *Postmaster-General.*

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.*

WASHINGTON, November 12, 1867.

REGULATIONS

For the Execution of the Postal Convention agreed upon between the Post Departments of the United States and of the North German Union, on the 21st of October, 1867. June 30 and July 22, 1868.

IN accordance with Article XIX. of the convention, concluded between the United States of America and the North German Union, on the 21st of October, 1867, the post-offices of the two countries have established the following regulations:—

SECTION I. Provisionally, and until otherwise arranged, the offices for the exchange of mails shall be, on the side of the United States, — Offices for exchange of mails.

1. New York.
2. Boston.
3. Philadelphia.
4. Chicago.

On the side of the North German Union, —

1. The Travelling Post-Office No. 10, between Cologne and Verviers.
2. Bremen.
3. Hamburg.

The mails shall be exchanged —

a. Between the Travelling Post-Office No. 10, Cologne, Verviers, and the post-office of New York, via England and Belgium.

b. Between Bremen and New York, Boston, Philadelphia, Chicago, via direct line, Bremen, New York.

c. Between Hamburg and New York, Boston, Philadelphia, Chicago, via direct line, Hamburg, New York.

SECTION II. The sender of a registered letter is authorized to demand, by a notice on the address, that the receipt, undersigned by the receiver, should be delivered to him. In this case, the subscribed receipt shall be returned without delay to the exchange office whence the letter was despatched. There shall be no fee levied for the delivery of a receipt. The receipts shall be printed in German and English language, and shall be annexed to the letters by the despatching exchange office. Senders of registered letters entitled to receipt.

SECTION III. Patterns or samples of merchandise exceeding the weight of fifteen loths (eight and three fourths ounces) cannot be sent by mail to the North German Union. Letters weighing three loths (one and three fourths ounces) or more, if containing articles subject to customs duty, instead of writings, documents, or obligations, are, in like manner, excluded from the mails sent to the North German Union. Weight of letters and mail matter.

SECTION IV. Each mail exchanged between the respective offices shall be accompanied by a letter bill, showing the postages, fees, &c. and the charges of transit 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 they shall be consecutively numbered by the despatching office during each calendar year. The receiving office shall acknowledge the receipt by the next following despatch. Forms.
Post, pp. 986, 987, 988.

SECTION V. The exchange offices shall divide the correspondence which they despatch into a suitable number of separate packages according to the letter bill. Separate packages.

More than single rate, how indicated.

SECTION VI. 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.

Stamps upon letters.

SECTION VII. All letters exchanged between the two offices shall indicate by stamp, or writing thereon, the office of origin.

Correspondence fully paid to destination shall be stamped in the United States "*Paid all*," and in the North German Union "*Franco*." Correspondence insufficiently paid shall be stamped in the United States "*Insufficiently paid*," and in the North German Union "*Unzureichend Frankirt*," and the amount of the deficient postage expressed in figures (black) on the face in the money of the receiving office.

Registered articles shall be stamped "*Registered*" in the United States and in the North German Union "*Recommandirt*." Correspondence forwarded to either office by the other should be so stamped in letters or figures as to clearly indicate the route of transmission.

Register lists.

SECTION VIII. Registered correspondence shall be entered in a register list, following the models C or D hereto annexed.

Post, pp. 990, 991.

All registered letters and the register list shall be enveloped together in strong paper and securely fastened, and the packet inscribed with the word "*Registered*" or "*Recommandirt*" and placed in the mail. The blank in the letter bill for expressing the number of registered articles shall be filled by writing the number in full. In case no registered articles are sent, the proper blank of the letter bill shall be filled with the word "*Nihil*" or "*Nil*."

Receipts for register lists.

SECTION IX. The register list despatched shall be acknowledged by the first return mail from the receiving office, by expressing the receipt numerically, viz.: "from No. , to No. ." If the verification by the exchange office discloses an error of any kind on the register list, it shall also, by the first mail, be notified to the despatching office.

Letters with foreign countries.

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SECTION X. The two postal administrations may exchange, in the open mails, letters and other correspondence, ordinary and registered, with foreign countries, and upon conditions, as indicated in the Table E, hereto annexed.

Marks for prepaid and unpaid letters.

SECTION XI. The respective exchange offices shall mark in *red* ink in the upper part of the address of prepaid letters and other correspondence sent for transit in the open mail, the amount of the foreign postage due to the foreign office of destination, and in the same manner, but in *black* ink, shall mark the amount of postage due to the foreign office of origin, upon the unpaid letters sent in transit.

Articles under band not conforming, &c. to be retained.

SECTION XII. Articles under band, which do not conform to the conditions mentioned in Article VIII. of the convention, or which are in no part prepaid, shall be retained at the disposition of the administration of origin, or if sent shall not be subject to account.

Letters insufficiently paid to be sent as unpaid.

SECTION XIII. Letters originating in, or destined for, foreign countries sent in the open mail for transit through the United States, or through the North German Union, and which are insufficiently prepaid, shall be transmitted as wholly unpaid, and no account taken between the two administrations of the amount prepaid. But if one or more full rates shall be prepaid the number of rates fully prepaid shall be always credited.

Letters, &c. which cannot be delivered to be returned every month.

SECTION XIV. Letters, and all registered articles, which cannot be delivered shall be respectively returned to the despatching administration, at the end of every month.

The postage on unpaid letters, returned, shall be deducted from the account against the office originally charged therewith. The postage on prepaid letters, returned, shall remain in the account as originally entered.

The expense of transit of unpaid correspondence, which has been transported by either administration in closed mails, and 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. The bordereaux of correspondence not deliverable shall follow the models F and G hereto annexed.

Post, pp. 995, 996.

SECTION XV. 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 which would have been paid on the first destination.

Missent, &c. letters, &c.

SECTION XVI. The despatching exchange office shall state, on the letter bill, for the intermediate offices, the exact number of single rates of letters (or weight if required) and the total net weight of the other correspondence which shall be despatched, in closed mails, by such intermediate transit.

Letter-bill to state what.

SECTION XVII. 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, 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 one dollar for one thaler eleven silber-groschen and eight pfennigs. In entering the foreign charges on the letter bill, in the money of the despatching office, the cent shall be considered the equivalent of five pfennigs.

Accounts between the two offices.

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

SECTION XVIII. The quarterly accounts, mentioned in Article XIV. of the convention, shall be prepared by the respective despatching offices of exchange. They shall be based upon the acknowledgments of receipt, and shall respectively be prepared according to the models hereto annexed, marked H or I.

Quarterly accounts. Ante, p. 981.

The accounts prepared by the North German offices shall be transmitted to the Post-Office Department of the United States. A recapitulation of the respective accounts, showing the definite result 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 other office.

Post, pp. 997, 999, 1000.

SECTION XIX. The charge to be made by the North German office for the transit of closed mails, which the United States shall exchange in either direction with countries beyond Germany, shall be as follows:—

Charges for transit of closed mails.

For mails exchanged with Switzerland or Italy 15 pfennigs per 30 grammes of letters. For other correspondence 8 silber-groschen per kilogramme.

For mails exchanged with other countries one half silber-groschen per single letter rate. For other correspondence 8 silber-groschen per kilogramme.

Executed in duplicate, at Washington the 22d July, 1868; at Berlin the 30th June, 1868.

PHILIPSBORN.

ALEX. W. RANDALL,
Postmaster-General
U. S. America.

A 1. (See p. 983.)

VIA BREMEN, HAMBURG.]

LETTER BILL.

Mail from the Travelling Post-Office No. 10, between Cologne and Verviers.
 _____ to _____, by the _____ Packet.

Travelling Post-Office No. 10, between Cologne and Verviers, the _____ of _____, 18—.

No.	Articles of Correspondence.	Statement by the North German Office.				Verification by the United States Office.			
		International Postage.		Foreign Postage.		International Postage.		Foreign Postage.	
		No. of Single Rates.	Amount.			No. of Single Rates.	Amount.		
		Thlr.	Sgr.	Thlr.	Sgr.	Thlr.	Sgr.	Thlr.	Sgr.
§ 1. PAID LETTERS, ETC.									
1	Registered letters, &c. { No. of single letter rates Postage Register fee	_____	_____	_____	_____	_____	_____	_____	_____
2		_____	_____	_____	_____	_____	_____	_____	_____
3		_____	_____	_____	_____	_____	_____	_____	_____
4	Letters for the United States, at 4 sgr. the single rate	_____	_____	_____	_____	_____	_____	_____	_____
5	Letters for foreign countries	_____	_____	_____	_____	_____	_____	_____	_____
6	Newspapers, patterns, &c. for the United States at 1½ sgr. the single rate	_____	_____	_____	_____	_____	_____	_____	_____
7	Newspapers, patterns, &c. for foreign countries	_____	_____	_____	_____	_____	_____	_____	_____
§ 2. UNPAID LETTERS.									
8	Letters from the North German Union, at 15 cents the single rate	_____	_____	_____	_____	_____	_____	_____	_____
9	Letters from foreign countries	_____	_____	_____	_____	_____	_____	_____	_____
10	Redirected letters	_____	_____	_____	_____	_____	_____	_____	_____
§ 3. INSUFFICIENTLY PREPAID LETTERS, ETC.									
11	Letters { No. of single rates Amount of the prepaid postage Amount of the deficient postage	_____	_____	_____	_____	_____	_____	_____	_____
12		Dolls.	Cts.	_____	_____	Dolls.	Cts.	_____	_____
13		Thlr.	Sgr.	_____	_____	Thlr.	Sgr.	_____	_____
14		Newspapers, patterns, &c. amount of the prepaid postage	_____	_____	_____	_____	_____	_____	_____
No. of registered articles forwarded in the mail of this day : —									
§ 4. CONTENTS OF THE MAIL.									
15	Total No. of single letter rates, (Nos. 1, 4, 5, 8, 9, 10, 11)	Letter Rates.				Letter Rates.			
16	Total net weight of letters	Grams.				Grams.			
17	Total net weight of newspapers, patterns, &c.								
§ 5. PARTICULARS OF CLOSED MAILS FORWARDED HEREWITH.									
	Origin.	Destination.	Letters.		Newspapers, Patterns, &c.				
			Total Number of Single Letter Rates.	Total Net Weight.					
				Grams.	Grams.				
18									
19									
20									

A 2. (See p. 983.)

VIA BREMEN, HAMBURG.]

LETTER BILL.

Mail from _____ to _____, by the _____ Packet, _____ Post-Office _____, the _____ of _____, 18____.

No.	Articles of Correspondence.	Statement by the North German Office.					Verification by the United States Office.				
		International Postage.			Foreign Postage.		International Postage.			Foreign Postage.	
		No. of Single Rates.	Amount.		Thlr.	Sgr.	No. of Single Rates.	Amount.		Thlr.	Sgr.
Thlr.	Sgr.		Thlr.	Sgr.							
§ 1. PAID LETTERS, ETC.											
1	Registered letters, &c. { No. of single letter rates Postage Register fee	_____	_____	_____	_____	_____	_____	_____	_____	_____	_____
2		_____	_____	_____	_____	_____	_____	_____	_____	_____	_____
3		_____	_____	_____	_____	_____	_____	_____	_____	_____	_____
4	Letters for the United States, at 4 sgr. the single rate	_____	_____	_____	_____	_____	_____	_____	_____	_____	_____
5	Letters for foreign countries	_____	_____	_____	_____	_____	_____	_____	_____	_____	_____
6	Newspapers, patterns, &c. for the United States at 1 sgr. the single rate	_____	_____	_____	_____	_____	_____	_____	_____	_____	_____
7	Newspapers, patterns, &c. for foreign countries	_____	_____	_____	_____	_____	_____	_____	_____	_____	_____
§ 2. UNPAID LETTERS.											
8	Letters from the North German Union, at 10 cents the single rate	_____	_____	_____	_____	_____	_____	_____	_____	_____	_____
9	Letters from foreign countries	_____	_____	_____	_____	_____	_____	_____	_____	_____	_____
10	Redirected letters	_____	_____	_____	_____	_____	_____	_____	_____	_____	_____
§ 3. INSUFFICIENTLY PREPAID LETTERS, ETC.											
11	Letters { No. of single rates Amount of the prepaid postage Amount of the deficient postage	_____	_____	_____	_____	_____	_____	_____	_____	_____	_____
12		_____	Dolls.	Cts.	_____	_____	Dolls.	Cts.	_____	_____	_____
13		_____	Thlr.	Sgr.	_____	_____	Thlr.	Sgr.	_____	_____	_____
14	Newspapers, patterns, &c. amount of the prepaid postage	_____	_____	_____	_____	_____	_____	_____	_____	_____	_____
No. of registered articles forwarded in the mail of this day : —											
§ 4. CONTENTS OF THE MAIL.											
15	Total No. of single letter rates, (Nos. 1, 4, 5, 8, 9, 10, 11)	Letter Rates.				Letter Rates.					
16	Total net weight of letters	Grams.				Grams.					
17	Total net weight of newspapers, patterns, &c.										
§ 5. PARTICULARS OF CLOSED MAILS FORWARDED HEREWITH.											
	Origin.	Destination.	Letters.		Newspapers, Patterns, &c.						
			Total Number of Single Letter Rates.	Total Net Weight.							
				Grams.	Grams.						
18											
19											
20											

LETTER BILL No. _____.

For the Mails despatched from _____ to _____ via _____, Sent the _____, 18—; arrived the _____, 18—.

No. of the Items of Account.		Single Weight.	Single Rate.	Statement by the United States Office.		Verification by the North German Office.							
				Grams.	Cts.	No. of Single Rates.	Amounts.		No. of Single Rates.	Amounts.			
							Dolls.	Cts.		Dolls.	Cts.		
TABLE I. — INTERNATIONAL CORRESPONDENCE, (including Registered Articles — postage only.)													
1	Letters fully prepaid												
2	Letters wholly unpaid												
3	Letters insufficiently paid, { Number of single rates Amount prepaid Amount deficient	15	1 5/10										
4													
5													
	Total number of single international rates												
6	Journals, { whether fully prepaid Other prints, { or Samples, { partially paid. } The total amount prepaid is												
TABLE II. — EXTRANATIONAL CORRESPONDENCE, (including Registered Articles — postage only.)													
7	Letters originating in the United States for foreign countries beyond the German States	Unpaid (wholly or in part). No. of international rates	Fully prepaid. { No. of international rates Foreign postage to account for to North German Union										
8				Addressed to any part of Germany	Unpaid (wholly or in part). Foreign postage to account for to United States	Fully prepaid. { No. of international rates Foreign postage to account for to North German Union							
9							Addressed to countries beyond German States	Unpaid (wholly or in part). Foreign postage to account for to United States	Fully prepaid. { No. of international rates Foreign postage to account for to North German Union				
10	Letters originating in foreign countries, and passing in transit through the United States	Fully prepaid. { No. of international rates Foreign postage to account for to North German Union	Unpaid (wholly or in part). Foreign postage to account for to United States										
11				Total number of single rates in transit	Total amount of the international postage	Total amount of foreign postage to account for to North German Union							
12	Prepaid journals, other prints, samples, etc. originating in the United States, addressed to countries beyond Germany; or originating beyond the United States and addressed to Germany, and to countries beyond the German States	Total amount of the international postage	Total amount of foreign postage to account for to North German Union										
13													
14													
15													
16													
17													
18													

* Including all the German States and Austria.

POST-OFFICE DEPARTMENT OF }
THE UNITED STATES.

D. (See p. 984.)

{ CORRESPONDENCE WITH THE NORTH
GERMAN UNION 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 North German Union 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 North German Union Office on Registered Articles destined for Foreign Countries.		Verification by the Receiving Officer.
					Dollars.	Cents.	
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27							
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.

E 1. (See p. 984.)

TABLE showing the Foreign Rates of Postage to be paid by the Post-Office of the United States to the Post-Office of the North German Union for Letters in Transit through the North German Union in the open Mails.

No.	Countries.	Standard Weight.	PAID LETTERS.			Unpaid Letters.	Remarks.
			Ordinary Letters.	Registered Letters.		Foreign Postage.	
				Foreign Postage.	Foreign Postage.		
			Grams.	Sgr.	Sgr.	Sgr.	
1	Belgium	15	1	1	"	1½	Prepayment compulsory.
2	Denmark	15	1	1	"	2	
3	Greece	15	3	3	"	3½	
4	Italy	15	1½	1½	"	1½	
5	Netherlands	15	1	1	"	1	
6	Norway	15	2½	2½	"	3	
7	Papal States, via Austria	15	1½	1½	1½ per 15 grams.	1½	
8	Russia	15	2	2	"	3	
9	Sweden	15	2½	2½	"	3½	
10	Switzerland	15	2	2	"	2	
11	Moldavia, Wallachia, Baken, Berlat, Botutschany, Bukarest, Fokschan, Galatz, Giurgewo, Jassy, Ibraila, Piatra, Plojeschti, Roman	15	1	1	"	1	
12	*Turkey	15	2	2	"	2	
13	Egypt—						
	a. Alexandria	15	2	2	"	2	
	b. Cairo, Damanur, Kafer, Zajaf, Tanta, Birket-el-Sab, Benha	15	2	2	4½	2	
	c. Zagasik, Zifta, Miholla, Samanud	15	2½	2½	Per letter.	2½	
	d. Mansura, Damiat	15	2	2	4½	2	
	e. Suez, Porta-Said	15	4½	4½	Per letter.	4½	
	f. Suez, Porta-Said	15	2	2	4½	2	
14	East India, China, Japan	15	6½	6½	Per letter.	6½	
			7	7	8½	2	Prepayment compulsory.

* Letters for Adrianople, Antivari, Beirut, Burgas, Calpha, Cavelle, Constantinople, Czernawoda, Dardanelles, Durazzo, Gallipoli, Jaffa, Janina, Jerusalem, Incboli, Kandia, Kanea, Küstendsche, Lagos, Larnaca, Metelin, Philippopol, Preveza, Retimo, Rhodus, Rustchuk, Salonich, Samsun, Seres, Smyrna, Sophia, Sulina, Tenedos, Trapezunt, Tschesme, Tuitscha, Valona, Varna, and Volo can be sent paid or unpaid. Letters for all other places must be prepaid.

E 2.

(See p. 984.)

TABLE showing the Foreign Rates of Postage to be paid by the Post-Office of the United States to the Post-Office of the North German Union for Newspapers, Book Packages, Prints of all Kinds, Patterns or Samples of Merchandise, in Transit through the North German Union in the open Mails.

No.	Countries.	Standard Weight.	Foreign Postage.	Remarks.
1	Belgium	2½ loth.	¼ sgr.	
2	Denmark	2½ loth.	5-12 sgr.	
3	Greece	2½ loth.	¾ sgr.	
4	Italy	2½ loth.	¼ sgr.	
5	Netherlands	2½ loth.	¼ sgr.	
6	Norway	2½ loth.	¼ sgr.	
7	Papal States, <i>via</i> Austria	2½ loth.	¼ sgr.	Patterns cannot be sent.
8	Russia	2½ loth.	¼ sgr.	
9	Sweden	2½ loth.	¼ sgr.	
10	Switzerland	1 loth.	¼ sgr.	Patterns cannot be sent.
11	Moldavia and Wallachia	2½ loth.	¼ sgr.	
12	Turkey	2½ loth.	¼ sgr.	
13	Egypt —			
	<i>a.</i> Alexandria	2½ loth.	¼ sgr.	
	<i>b.</i> Cairo, — Newspapers	2½ loth.	¼ sgr.	
	Other prints	Per number.	¼ sgr.	Patterns cannot be sent.
	Other prints	2½ loth.	¼ sgr.	
	Other prints	1 loth.	¼ sgr.	
	Other prints	2½ loth.	¼ sgr.	
	<i>c.</i> Other places, — Newspapers	Per number.	¼ sgr.	
	Other prints	2½ loth.	¼ sgr.	
	Other prints	1 loth.	¼ sgr.	
14	East India, China, Japan	2½ loth.	¼ sgr.	Patterns only can be sent for Birma, British India, Ceylon, and Hong Kong.

TABLE showing the Countries with which the North German Union may exchange Correspondence through the United States open Mails, and the Amount to be added to the International Rates between the North German Union 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	7		120	2		120	4		<p>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.</p> <p>At present, registration exists only for Canada, New Brunswick, Nova Scotia, and Panama, and for letters only. No additional register fee is charged thereon for account of exterior service.</p> <p>No extra national charge.</p>
Aspinwall	"	7		"	2		"	4		
Belize, British Honduras	"	7		"	2		"	4		
Brazil	"	7		"	2		"	4		
British Columbia	"	7		"	2		"	4		
Central America and Pacific Coast, via Panama	"	7		"	2		"	4		
China	"	7		"	2		"	4		
Costa Rica	"	7		"	2		"	4		
Cuba	"	7		"	2		"	4		
Guatemala	"	7		"	2		"	4		
Honduras	"	7		"	2		"	4		
Japan	"	7		"	2		"	4		
Mexico, by sea	"	7		"	2		"	4		
Nicaragua and Pacific Coast, via Panama	"	7		"	2		"	4		
Panama	"	7		"	2		"	4		
Sandwich Islands	"	7		"	2		"	4		
St. Thomas, via United States Brazilian packets	"	7		"	2		"	4		
Venezuela	"	7		"	2		"	4		
Vancouver's Island	"	7		"	2		"	4		
West Indies, by United States packets exclusively	"	7		"	2		"	4		
West Indies, by United States and British packets, via St. Thomas	"	15		"	2		"	4		
Bolivia	"	31								
Chili	"	31								
Ecuador	"	31								
Peru	"	31								
United States of Colombia	"	15								
Canada	"									
New Brunswick	"									
Nova Scotia	"									

RESULT OF THE PRECEDING ACCOUNT.

I. INTERNATIONAL AND FOREIGN POSTAGES.

No. of the Articles of the Letter Bill.	International Postage prepaid in the North German Union.		Foreign Postage to the Credit of the United States.		No. of the Articles of the Letter Bill.	International Postage collected by the United States.		Foreign Postage to the Credit of the North German Union.	
	Thlr.	Sgr.	Thlr.	Sgr.		Dolls.	Cts.	Thlr.	Sgr.
2			—	—	8			—	—
3	—	—			9				
4			—	—	10				
5					13				
6			—	—					
7									
12									
14			—	—					
Total . .					Total . .				

II. COST OF THE INTERMEDIATE TRANSIT.

No. of the Articles of the Letter Bill.	Amount.		
15			
16			
17			
Total . .			

III. TRANSIT OF CLOSED MAILS.

No. of the Articles of the Letter Bill.	Amount.		
18			
19			
20			
Total . .			

H 2. — Account for the Correspondence forwarded in the Mails from Bremen and Hamburg to New York. during the Quarter ———, 18—.

2		3		4		5		6		7		8		9		10		12		13		14		15	16	17	18	19	20
§ 1. PAID LETTERS, ETC.												§ 2. UNPAID LETTERS.						§ 3. INSUFFICIENTLY PREPAID LETTERS, ETC.				§ 4. COST OF THE INTERMEDIATE TRANSIT.		§ 5. TRANSIT OF CLOSED MAILS.					
Registered Letters, &c.				Letters for the U. S.	Letters for Foreign Countries.		Newspapers, &c. for the U. S.		Newspapers, &c. for Foreign Countries.		Letters from the No. Ger. Union.	Letters from Foreign Countries.		Redirected Letters.		Letters.				Newspapers, Factums, &c.		Letters.		Newspapers, &c.		Letters.		Newspapers, &c.	
International Postage.		Foreign Postage.		International Postage.	International Postage.	Foreign Postage.		International Postage.	International Postage.	Foreign Postage.		International Postage.	International Postage.	Foreign Postage.		Amount of the Prepaid Postage.		Amount of the Deficient Postage.		Amount of the Prepaid Postage.		Total Number of Single Rates.	Total Net Weight.	Total Net Weight.	Total Number of Single Rates.	Total Net Weight.	Total Net Weight.	Total Net Weight.	
Thlr.	Sgr.	Thlr.	Sgr.	Number of Single Rates.	Number of Single Rates.	Thlr.	Sgr.	Number of Single Rates.	Number of Single Rates.	Thlr.	Sgr.	Number of Single Rates.	Number of Single Rates.	Thlr.	Sgr.	Number of Single Rates.	Number of Single Rates.	International.	International.	Thlr.	Sgr.	Thlr.	Sgr.	Grs.	Grs.	Grs.	Grs.	Grs.	Grs.
				At 4 sgr.	At 4 sgr.	"	"	At 1 sgr.	At 1 sgr.	"	"	At 10 cts.	At 10 cts.	"	"	At 10 cts.	"	"	"	"	"	"	"	"	"	"	"	"	"

RESULT OF THE PRECEDING ACCOUNT.

I. INTERNATIONAL AND FOREIGN POSTAGES.

No. of the Articles of the Letter Bill.	International Postage prepaid in the North German Union.		Foreign Postage to the Credit of the United States.		No. of the Articles of the Letter Bill.	International Postage collected by the United States.		Foreign Postage to the Credit of the North German Union.	
	Thlr.	Sgr.	Thlr.	Sgr.		Dolls.	Cts.	Thlr.	Sgr.
2			—	—	8			—	—
3	—	—			9				
4			—	—	10				
5					13				
6			—	—					
7									
12									
14			—	—					
Total . .					Total . .				

II. COST OF THE INTERMEDIATE TRANSIT.

No. of the Articles of the Letter Bill.	Amount.	
15		
16		
17		
Total . .		

III. TRANSIT OF CLOSED MAILS.

No. of the Articles of the Letter Bill.	Amount.	
18		
19		
20		
Total . .		

I.
QUARTERLY ACCOUNT

Of the Mails sent by the United States Exchange Office of _____ to the North German Union Exchange Office of _____, during the Quarter ending _____, 18____, via _____.

[The figures below refer to the numbers of the items of the Letter Bill.]

		1	2	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	14	15	16	17	18	19	20	21	22	23	25	26	28			
		I. — INTERNATIONAL CORRESPONDENCE.					II. — EXTRANATIONAL CORRESPONDENCE.												III. — REGISTER FELS.		IV. — LETTERS RESENT.		V. — INTERMEDIATE TRANSIT.		VI. — TRANSIT OF CLOSED MAILS.				
Number of the letter bills.	Totals at rate of	Prepaid letters		Unpaid letters		Letters insufficiently paid.	Journals, etc.	Letters originating in the United States for transit to countries beyond the North German Union.				Letters originating outside the U. S. and forwarded in U. S. mails to —				Prepaid journals, prints, samples, &c. originating in the U. S. and addressed to countries beyond the North German Union, or coming from countries outside the U. S. and addressed to the North German Union to the countries beyond the North German Union.				Number of the register fees received on the registered articles sent.		Amount of the supplementary register fees to account for to the North German Union for the countries beyond.		Letters unpaid and prepaid wherever originating, forwarded to persons who have changed their national residence.		Via ocean, England, and Belgium.		Across the North German Union.	
		Number of rates.	Amount of foreign postage to account for to the N. German Union.	Number of rates.	Amount of foreign postage to account for to the U. States.			Number of rates.	Amount of foreign postage to account for to the United States.	Number of rates.	Amount of foreign postage to account for to the N. German Union.	Number of rates.	Amount of the foreign postage to account for to the U. States.	Number of rates.	Amount of the foreign postage to account for to the N. German Union for countries beyond.											Total number of rates by each mail.	Letters.	Total weight in kilograms.	Journal, etc.
		\$	ct	\$	ct	thr.	gr.	ct	ct	\$	ct	\$	ct	\$	ct	\$	ct	\$	ct	\$	ct	\$	ct						
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Memorandum. — If the mails are sent by direct service, change all the multiples 15 to 10.

SUMMARY OF THE WITHIN ACCOUNT.

Sums for which the United States office must account to the North German Union.				Sums for which the North German office must account to the United States.			
For items of the account.	Nos.	Sums to be di- vided.	Sums wholly due to the North German Union.	For items of the account, num- bered.	Sums to be di- vided.	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						
	26						
	28						
Totals				Totals			
Deduct intermediate transit charges	23 } 25 }	\$ cts.		One half (½) to United States is			
Balance to be divided is				One half to North German Union is			
One half due to the United States is				One half joint sum opposite is			
One half joint sum opposite is				Exclusive amount due North German Union (opposite) is			
Exclusive amount due U. States opposite is				Total of sums to sole credit of North German Union			
Total of sums to sole credit of United States				Total of sums to sole credit of the United States			
Total of sums to sole credit of the North German Union				Net balance due to — is			
Net balance due to — is							

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

Additional Convention to the Convention agreed upon between the Post Departments of the United States of America and of the North German Union, for the Amelioration of the Postal Service between the two Countries, signed at Berlin the twenty-first day of October, one thousand eight hundred and sixty-seven. April 7-23, 1870.
Ante, p. 979.

As, by an additional convention concluded 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, the compensation to be paid for the sea conveyance across the Atlantic Ocean of such letters as are sent in closed mails from and to the United States of America, through the United Kingdom, has been fixed at six cents per ounce or per thirty grammes, and as the companies of the regular steamship lines between Bremen and New York and between Hamburg and New York have agreed to reduce the compensation which they receive for the direct conveyance of letters between the said German ports and New York, the undersigned, duly authorized by their respective governments, have agreed upon the following additional articles to the convention concluded at Berlin the 21st October, 1867. Preamble.
Ante, p. 869.

ARTICLE I. The single-letter rate on the correspondence exchanged directly between the two administrations shall be :— Single-letter rates.

I. *In the direct exchange via Bremen or Hamburg :*

1. For letters from the North German Union :
 - a. When prepaid in Germany, 3 silbergroschen.
 - b. When paid in the United States, 14 cents.
2. For letters from the United States :
 - a. When prepaid in America, 7 cents.
 - b. When paid in Germany, 6 silbergroschen.

II. *In the direct exchange in closed transit through England :*

1. For letters from the North German Union :
 - a. When prepaid in Germany, 4 silbergroschen.
 - b. When paid in the United States, 20 cents.
2. For letters from the United States :
 - a. When prepaid in America, 10 cents.
 - b. When paid in Germany, 8 silbergroschen.

ARTICLE II. Insufficiently paid letters shall be charged with the postage for unpaid letters, after deduction of the prepaid amount. Insufficiently paid letters charged as unpaid.

ARTICLE III. Newspapers, other printed matter, and samples, shall also have the benefit of a moderated postage. Such articles, moreover, can only be dispatched when they are fully prepaid to the place of destination, or to the point to which prepayment is possible. Postage upon newspapers, samples, &c.

ARTICLE IV. The total proceeds of the common postage and of the register fees shall be added together. The cost of transit through intermediary territory and the cost of the ocean transportation shall be brought into mutual account, and the net proceeds shall be divided equally between the two administrations. In order to state the total receipts as simply as possible, the two administrations agree that the reciprocal delivery of the dispatches shall as far as practicable take place according to the measure of the total weight, and the preparation of the accounts according to the measure of average rates. Moreover, the amounts Accounts.

of foreign postage on correspondence in open transit shall be reciprocally accounted for at the full rates.

When this convention takes effect.

ARTICLE V. The foregoing articles shall replace the provisions contained in Article V., sub. 1 - 5, and in Articles VII. and XI. of the convention of 21st October, 1867.

The present additional convention goes into operation the 1st of July, 1870, and from that date forward has the same duration as the above-named convention.

Done in duplicate and signed in Washington the seventh day of April, one thousand eight hundred and seventy; and in Berlin the twenty-third day of April, one thousand eight hundred and seventy.

[L. s.]

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

[L. s.]

R. VON PHILIPSBORN.

Approval.

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

U. S. GRANT.

By the President :

HAMILTON FISH, *Secretary of State.*

WASHINGTON, April 7, 1870.

[L. s.]