

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

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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.
R. VON PHILIPSBORN.

[L. s.]

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.]