

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. June 30 & July 27, 1871.

THE general post-office of the United States of America and the general post-office of the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Ireland, being desirous of establishing an exchange of money-orders between the two countries, the undersigned, duly authorized for that purpose, have agreed upon the following articles:—

ARTICLE I.

There shall be a regular exchange of money-orders between the two countries. The maximum of each order is fixed at ten pounds sterling when issued in the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Ireland, and when issued in the United States, at fifty dollars in the national paper currency of the latter country.

Exchange of money-orders.
Maximum of any order.

ARTICLE II.

The British post-office shall have power to fix the rates of commission on all money-orders issued in the United Kingdom, and the United States post-office shall have the same power in regard to all money-orders issued in the United States. Each office shall communicate to the other its tariff of charges or rates of commission which shall be established under this convention, and these rates shall, in all cases, be paid in advance by the remitter, and shall not, in any event, be repayable. It is understood, moreover, that each office is authorized to suspend, temporarily, the exchange of money-orders in case the course of exchange or any other circumstance should give rise to abuses or cause detriment to the postal revenue.

Commissions on money-orders;

to be paid in advance and not repayable.
Exchange of orders may be suspended if, &c.

ARTICLE III.

Each country shall keep the commission charged on all money-orders issued within it, but shall pay to the other country one per cent. on the total amount of such orders.

Commissions to be kept, &c.

ARTICLE IV.

No money-order shall include a fractional part of a penny or of a cent.

Money-orders not to include parts of a penny or cent.

ARTICLE V.

The service of the postal money-order system between the two countries shall be performed exclusively by the agency of offices of exchange. On the part of the United States, the office of exchange shall be New York, and on the part of the United Kingdom, London.

Offices of exchange to perform the service;
to be at New York and London.

ARTICLE VI.

Any person in the United States desiring to remit to the United Kingdom a sum of money within the limits prescribed by Article I., may pay it into any post-office in the United States designated for such purpose from time to time, by the postmaster-general of that country. Such person

Remittance by orders from other post-offices.

Remittance by orders from other post-offices; shall at the same time give the name and address of the person to whom the amount is to be paid in the United Kingdom, and his own name and address.

Any person in the United Kingdom desiring to remit to the United States a sum of money, within the same limits, may pay it into any money-order office of the United Kingdom, giving at the same time the name and exact address of the person to whom the amount is to be paid in the United States, and his own name and address.

The receiving postmaster in either country shall, in accordance with the rules established by his postal administration, notify every such payment to the despatching exchange office.

The postmaster of New York, upon receipt of every notification of that kind, shall make out and forward to the payee in the United Kingdom a money-order payable in sterling at the post-office in that country designated by the remitter of the order, it being understood that the money-orders so remitted shall be sent, in the first instance, to the controller of the money-order office in London, and shall not be subject to postage.

ARTICLE VII.

exchange office of each country to send certified lists to the other by every mail. By every mail the exchange office of each country shall send to the exchange office of the other country a certified list of sums payable in that country, and received since the despatch of the previous list.

Inland money-orders. As soon as any such list shall have reached the New York office and been verified, this office shall make out inland money-orders in favor of the payees for the amount specified in the list, and shall promptly forward them to the payees or to the paying office, in conformity with the regulations existing in the United States, for the payment of money-orders.

The list forwarded to the United Kingdom shall be accompanied by the relative letters of advice of the orders entered therein, together with the orders themselves, as already settled in Article VI. After comparison with the list, the advices shall be despatched to the offices drawn upon, and the letters inclosing the orders posted for delivery.

Forms of lists. The lists, by means of which each office of exchange communicates with the other, shall be according to the Forms A and B, annexed.

ARTICLE VIII.

Lists to be numbered, and how. The lists despatched from each office of exchange shall be numbered consecutively, commencing with No. I. at the beginning of each year, and the entries also in these lists shall have consecutive numbers, those in the lists from the United Kingdom commencing each calendar month with No. I.

Duplicate lists; Of each list despatched from New York, a duplicate shall be sent, which duplicate shall, after being verified at the British office, be returned to New York.

ARTICLE IX.

to be transmitted, when, &c. Should any list fail to be received, in due course, the despatching office shall, on receiving information to that effect, transmit without delay a duplicate of the list, duly certified as such.

ARTICLE X.

Errors to be corrected. Each office of exchange shall promptly communicate to the other the correction of any simple error which it may discover in the verification of the lists. When the lists shall show irregularities which the receiving office shall not be able to rectify, that office shall apply for an explanation from the despatching office; and this explanation shall be afforded without delay.

ARTICLE XI.

Duplicate orders shall only be issued by the postal administration of the country on which the original orders were drawn, and in conformity with the regulations established or to be established in that country. Duplicate orders.

ARTICLE XII.

At the close of each quarter three copies of an account shall be prepared and transmitted by the office at London, exhibiting the balance found due on the exchanges of orders during the quarter; which balance, after proper verification, shall, if due by the United States office, be paid at London; but if due by the British office, it shall be paid at New York, and always in the money of the country to which the payment is made. If, pending the settlement of an account, one of the two postal administrations shall ascertain that it owes the other a balance exceeding one thousand pounds sterling, the indebted administration shall promptly remit the approximate amount of such balance to the credit of the other. This account, and the letters which accompany such intermediate remittances, shall be in accordance with the Forms C, D, and E, annexed to this convention. Accounts between the exchange-offices.
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900, 901.

ARTICLE XIII.

Until the two general post-offices shall consent to an alteration, it is agreed that, in all matters of account relative to money-orders which shall result from the execution of the present convention, the pound sterling of Great Britain shall be considered as equivalent to four dollars and eighty-six cents of the gold coin of the United States. The pound sterling to be the equivalent of four dollars and eighty-six cents of the gold coin of the United States.

ARTICLE XIV.

Each exchange office shall certify its orders to the other in amounts designated in the denominations of the money both of the despatching and receiving country at the rate of conversion established upon the basis of gold by Article XIII. of this convention. This conversion shall be checked at the receiving office of exchange. Orders to be certified in the denominations of money of both countries.

ARTICLE XV.

All payments for money-orders, whether to or by the public, if not in gold, shall be made to the nearest practicable equivalent. Money-orders payable in gold or its nearest equivalent.

ARTICLE XVI.

The value, in gold coin of the United States of deposits in paper money made in that country for payment in Great Britain, shall be determined at the exchange office of New York, according to the rate of premium on gold on the day of receipt at that office of notification of such deposits. On the other hand, the value, in United States paper currency, of money orders certified in the lists sent from the exchange office of London to the exchange office of New York, shall be determined (also at New York) in accordance with the premium on gold on the day of the receipt of such lists. The value of the paper currency of the United States to be determined according to the premium on gold.

ARTICLE XVII.

Orders which shall not have been paid within twelve calendar months from the month of issue shall become void, and the sums received shall accrue to, and remain at, the disposal of the country of origin. The British office shall, therefore, enter to the credit of the United States in Orders not paid within twelve months to be void; sums paid therefor to belong to whom.

the quarterly account all money-orders entered in the lists received from the United States which remain unpaid at the end of the period specified.

On the other hand, the United States office shall, at the close of each month, transmit to the British office, for entry in the quarterly account, a detailed statement of all orders included in the lists despatched from the latter office, which, under this article, become void.

ARTICLE XVIII.

Repayments of orders to remitters.

Repayment of orders to remitters shall not be made until an authorization for such repayment shall first have been obtained by the country of issue from the country where such orders were payable, and the amounts of the repaid orders shall be duly credited to the former country in the quarterly account. It is the province of each postal administration to determine the manner in which repayment to the remitter is to be made.

ARTICLE XIX.

Orders subject to what regulations as regards payment.

The orders issued by each country on the other shall be subject, as regards payment, to the regulations which govern the payment of inland orders of the country on which they are drawn.

ARTICLE XX.

Additional rules may be adopted.

The general post-office in each country shall be authorized to adopt any additional rules (if not repugnant to the foregoing) for the greater security against fraud, or for the better working of the system generally. All such additional rules, however, must be promptly communicated to the post-office of the other country.

ARTICLE XXI.

When this convention shall take effect.

The present convention shall take effect on the first day of October next, and shall continue in force until twelve months after the date at which one of the contracting parties shall have notified to the other its intention to terminate it.

Signature.

Done in duplicate and signed in London on the thirtieth day of June, in the year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred and seventy-one, and in Washington on the twenty-seventh day of July, in the year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred and seventy-one.

[SEAL.]

JNO. A. J. CRESWELL,
Postmaster-General of the United States.
W. MONSELL,
Her Majesty's Postmaster-General.

[SEAL.]

Approval.

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:

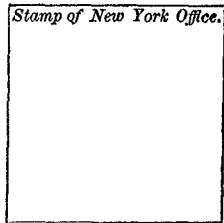
HAMILTON FISH, *Secretary of State.*

WASHINGTON, July 27, 1871.

List No. _____.

A.

Stamp of New York Office.



SIR: I have the honor to transmit to you herewith, in duplicate, a list containing a detailed statement of the sums received in the United States since my last despatch (List No. _____) for orders payable in Great Britain and Ireland, amounting in the aggregate to \$_____.

Be pleased to examine, complete, and return to me the original copy of this list, with your acknowledgment of its receipt indorsed thereon.

I am, respectfully, your obedient servant,

_____,
Postmaster, New York.

TO THE CONTROLLER MONEY-ORDER OFFICE, *London.*

BLANKS TO BE FILLED BY THE DESPATCHING EXCHANGE OFFICE OF NEW YORK.

	Current number of international order.	
	Number of original order.	
	Date of original order.	
	Office issuing original order.	
	Office where payable.	
	Name.	Payee.
	Address.	
	Name.	Remitter.
	Address.	
	Amount of order in United States currency.	Dolls.
		Cts.
	Date of receipt at New York.	
	Premium on gold on day of receipt.	
	Value of order in United States gold.	Dolls.
		Cts.
	Amount in British money.	£
		s.
		d.

FOR USE OF CHIEF OFFICE, LONDON.

	Date of payment.	
	Paid in year of issue.	£
		s.
		d.
	Paid in following year.	£
		s.
		d.
	Renewable orders.	£
		s.
		d.
	Remarks.	

MONEY-ORDER OFFICE,
London, ————, 187—.

SIR: I have examined this list of money-orders from No. ——— to No. ———, inclusive, for sums received in the United States for payment in the United Kingdom, amounting in the aggregate to \$———, and which is to be paid to the net amount of £——s. —d.

The said list was found to be correct, with the following exceptions:

I am, sir, your obedient servant,

—————,
Controller.

TO THE POSTMASTER
MONEY-ORDER EXCHANGE OFFICE, *New York.*

LIST
OF
MONEY-ORDERS ISSUED IN THE UNITED KINGDOM
AND
PAYABLE IN THE UNITED STATES.

Office
Stamp.

B.

No. of List, ———.

*A List of Money-orders issued in the United Kingdom and payable in the United States despatched this — day of ———, 187—.
Date of arrival at New York, ———. Premium on gold at that date, ———.*

BLANKS TO BE FILLED UP BY THE DESPATCHING OFFICE OF EXCHANGE, LONDON.													BLANKS TO BE FILLED UP BY THE RECEIVING OFFICE OF EXCHANGE.							
Current number of international orders.	Number of original money-order.	Date of original order.	Office of issue.	Full name of remitter.	Address of remitter.		Full name of the payee.	Address of the payee.			Amount received in United Kingdom.			Value of order in U.S. gold.		Value of order in U.S. paper currency.	Number of home-order issued.	Office on which the home-order is drawn.		Remarks.
					Place of residence.	County.		Place of residence.	County.	State.	£	s.	d.	Dolls.	Cts.			Dolls.	Cts.	

Table showing the particulars of such orders as have been repaid to the remitters in the country of issue.

ISSUED IN THE UNITED KINGDOM.					ISSUED IN THE UNITED STATES.										
Number of list.	Date of list.	Number of international order.	Amount of order.				Number of list.	Date of list.	Number of international order.	Amount of order.					
			£	s.	d.	Cts.				Dolls.	Cts.	£	s.	d.	
To Cr. of British office.					To Cr. of U.S. office.										

Table showing the particulars of such orders as have become void.

ISSUED IN THE UNITED KINGDOM.					ISSUED IN THE UNITED STATES.										
Number of list.	Date of list.	Number of order.	Amount of order.				Number of list.	Date of list.	Number of order.	Amount of order.					
			£	s.	d.	Cts.				Dolls.	Cts.	£	s.	d.	
To Cr. of British office.					To Cr. of U.S. office.										

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BALANCE —

TO CREDIT OF BRITISH OFFICE.				TO CREDIT OF UNITED STATES OFFICE.			
	<i>Dolls.</i>	<i>Cts.</i>			<i>£</i>	<i>s.</i>	<i>d.</i>
Amount of international orders issued in the United States				Amount of international orders issued in the United Kingdom			
One per cent. on amount of such issue				One per cent. on amount of such issue			
Amount of void orders of British issue as per table				Amount of void orders of United States issue as per table			
Amount of international orders repaid in the United Kingdom as per table				Amount of international orders repaid in the United States as per table			
Total				Total			
	<i>£</i>	<i>s.</i>	<i>d.</i>		<i>Dolls.</i>	<i>Cts.</i>	
Converted into sterling				Converted into dollars			
United States credit to be deducted				British credit to be deducted			
Balance to credit of British office				Balance to credit of United States office			
Paid on account by the office of the United States				Paid on account by the office of Great Britain			
<i>Dates.</i>	<i>Amounts.</i>			<i>Dates.</i>	<i>Amounts.</i>		
	<i>£</i>	<i>s.</i>	<i>d.</i>		<i>Dolls.</i>	<i>Cts.</i>	
Balance remaining				Balance remaining			

The within account exhibits a total balance of _____, which, after deduction of the payments on account as therein stated, leaves a balance remaining of _____ due the _____ office.

(Signature of proper accounting officer of the British office.)

The above statement of account is accepted with a balance of _____ due the _____ office.

Auditor of the Treasury for the Post-office Department.
WASHINGTON, _____, 187-.

The payment on account of _____ having been received by special vouchers, the receipt of the balance remaining of _____ is hereby acknowledged.

_____,
_____, 187-.

(D.)

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No. —.

MONEY-ORDER OFFICE,
London, _____, 187-.

SIR: The lists of international money-orders which the _____ exchange office has transmitted to the New York exchange office from _____ to _____, 187-, amount to the sum of £_____, equal to . \$
The lists transmitted by the New York office to the _____ office during the same period, amount to \$

Difference \$

On account of which the British office has already paid the following sums, viz.:

_____ 18—	\$
_____ 18—	\$
_____ 18—	\$
_____ 18—	\$
		_____ \$

Difference remaining \$

In accordance with the terms of Article VII. of the convention of _____, a bill of exchange on New York for \$_____ is herewith transmitted, the receipt of which you will be pleased to acknowledge in due form.

TO THE POSTMASTER-GENERAL
OF THE UNITED STATES,
Washington.

(E.)

See p. 889.

No. —

POST-OFFICE DEPARTMENT,

Washington, D. C., ————, 18—.

SIR: The list of international money-orders which the exchange office of New York has transmitted to the exchange office of ———— from ———— 187—, amount to the sum of \$———, equal to £
 The lists transmitted by the exchange office ———— to the New York office during the same period, amount to £

Difference £

On account of which the United States office has already paid the following sums:-

——— 18—	£
——— 18—	£
——— 18—	£
	————— £

Difference remaining £

In accordance with the terms of Article VII. of the convention of ————, 18—, a bill of exchange on London for £——— is herewith transmitted, the receipt of which you will be pleased to acknowledge in due form.

—————,
Superintendent Money-order Office.

TO THE POSTMASTER-GENERAL, &c., &c., &c.,
London, England.