

ADDITIONAL ARTICLE.

Between the United States of America and the German Empire.

March 31 and
May 14, 1871.

Additional Article to the Convention for the Amelioration of the Postal Service, concluded on the 21st October, 1867, between the Post Departments of the United States of America and the North German Union, as well as to the additional Convention of the 7-23 April, 1870.

As a regular steamship line between a port of Germany and a port of the United States of America can be employed for the transportation of the German-American mails at such a compensation that the entire cost of transportation between the boundaries of the two countries shall not exceed one half silbergroschen for each single letter: Now, therefore, the undersigned, duly authorized by their respective governments, that is to say, the government of the United States of America and the government of the German Empire, have agreed upon the following additional article to the postal convention of the 21st October, 1867, and to the additional convention of the 7-23 April, 1870: —

Preamble.

Contracting parties.

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SOLE ARTICLE.

The single letter rate on correspondence exchanged directly between the two administrations by means of such steamship line shall be as follows, viz.: —

Single rate of letter postage.

1. For letters from Germany to the United States :
 - a. When prepaid in Germany, 2½ silbergroschen.
 - b. When paid in the United States, 12 cents.
2. For letters from the United States to Germany :
 - a. When prepaid in the United States, 6 cents.
 - b. When paid in Germany, 5 silbergroschen.

This additional article takes effect on the date of the dispatch of the first mail by such steamship line, and from that date forward has the same duration as the convention of the 21st October, 1867, and the additional convention of the 7-23 April, 1870.

When this article takes effect.

Done in duplicate, and signed in Washington the thirty-first day of March, one thousand eight hundred and seventy-one, and in Berlin the fourteenth day of May, one thousand eight hundred and seventy-one.

[SEAL.]

JNO. A. J. CRESWELL,

Postmaster-General of the United States.

[SEAL.]

HEINRICH STEPHAN,

General Post Director of the German Empire.

I hereby approve the foregoing additional article, 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, March 31, 1871.