

SECOND ADDITIONAL CONVENTION

May 6, 31, 1872.

*To the Convention relative to the Amelioration of the Postal Intercourse, concluded between the United States of America and the Swiss Confederation, signed at Berne October 11, 1867.*

The opportunity being offered to the postal administrations of the United States of America and of Switzerland, to introduce an exchange of closed mails via Bremen or Hamburg at lower transit rates than those now in force by the British-Belgian route, the governments of the United States of America and of Switzerland have resolved to open the new routes above mentioned to the correspondence of the two countries under the following conditions :

ARTICLE 1.

The letters from the United States of America for Switzerland, and *vice versa*, which the senders may desire to have transmitted via Bremen or Hamburg, shall be chargeable with the following rates : Rates of letter postage via Bremen or Hamburg;

1st. Eight cents per single rate for letters originating in the United States.

2d. Forty centimes per single rate for letters originating in Switzerland.

For letters unpaid or insufficiently paid are reserved the extra charges provided by Article 7 of the convention of October 11, 1867.

ARTICLE 2.

All letters from the United States of America for Switzerland, and *vice versa*, for which the senders shall not have requested transmission via Bremen or Hamburg, [or in open mails via France,] shall continue to be sent in closed mails by the British-Belgian route, and subjected to the rates fixed by Article 1 of the additional convention of February 7, 1870. other letters by closed mails.

ARTICLE 3.

In case future abatements in transit expenses admit of a reduction in the present rates on letters exchanged between the United States and Switzerland, the postal administrations of the two contracting countries are authorized to fix, by common accord, the respective reduced rates and to take the necessary measures to place them to the profit of the public of the two countries. Reduction of rates of letter postage.

ARTICLE 4.

The present convention, which shall be considered as a second supplement to the convention of October 11, 1867, shall enter into operation July 1, 1872. This convention to take effect when.

Done in duplicate and signed in Washington the sixth day of May, one thousand eight hundred and seventy-two, and in Berne the thirty-first day of May, one thousand eight hundred and seventy-two. Signature.

[SEAL.]

JNO. A. J. CRESWELL,

*Postmaster General of the United States.*

The Federal Department of Posts and Telegraphs.

[SEAL.]

F. CHALLET VENEL.

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, *May 6th*, 1872.

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[Translation.]

The Federal Council of the Swiss Confederation makes known by these presents:

That it has approved and consented to the above convention. In faith of which the present have been signed by the President and the Chancellor of the Swiss Confederation, and sealed with the seal of the Federal Council, at Berne, the tenth of July, one thousand eight hundred and seventy-two.

In the name of the Swiss Federal Council.

*The President of the Confederation,*

WELTS.

[SEAL.]

*The Chancellor of the Confederation,*

SCHIESS.