

Oct. 31 and 18 Nov., 1873. *Additional articles of agreement between the Post Department of the United States of America and the Post Department of the German Empire, establishing an exchange of postal cards between the two countries.*

ARTICLE 1.

Postal cards.

For the purpose of providing additional facilities of mail communication between the United States of America and the German Empire, it is hereby mutually agreed that United States postal cards mailed at any post-office in the United States and addressed to Germany, and German postal cards mailed at any post-office in Germany and addressed to the United States, the postage on which shall have been fully prepaid to destination, at the rates hereinafter stated, can henceforth be exchanged between the inhabitants of the United States and of Germany. But unpaid or insufficiently-paid postal cards will not be forwarded in the mails between the two countries.

ARTICLE 2.

Postal cards, how forwarded.

Postal cards shall be forwarded exclusively by means of such direct steamers as shall from time to time be employed in the transportation of the direct German-American mails. Each of the two post departments shall pay the entire expenses of the sea transport for the postal cards which are sent from its territory.

Expenses of sea transport.

Rate on sea transportation.

For the purposes of this article, the charge for the sea transportation across the Atlantic of the postal cards sent by direct steamers from the United States to Germany, is fixed at one cent an ounce, (avoirdupois,) net weight.

ARTICLE 3.

Postage.

The postage on postal cards sent in each direction is fixed as follows:
1. At 2 cents when sent from the United States of America.
2. At 1 silbergroschen when sent from Germany.

Prepayment, how made.

Prepayment thereof to be made by affixing to each United States postal card an ordinary one-cent postage-stamp in addition to the stamp printed or impressed on the card.

Postage, to whom belongs.

Each department shall retain to its exclusive use the postage which it collects, at the prescribed rates, on the postal cards sent from its territory.

ARTICLE 4.

Regulations for postal cards.

The regulations and instructions governing the use and treatment of postal cards in the domestic mails of the United States and of Germany, respectively, shall apply equally to the postal cards mailed in either country and addressed to the other country.

ARTICLE 5.

Regulations applied to Austria-Hungary and Duchy of Luxemburg.

The regulations in the foregoing articles shall, in like manner, apply to the postal cards which are exchanged, through the medium of the German mails, between the United States of America on the one side, and the Empire of Austria-Hungary and the Grand Duchy of Luxemburg on the other.

ARTICLE 6.

This agreement shall go into effect on the 1st of December, 1873, and shall have equal duration with the postal convention of 21st October, 1867, and with the additional conventions concluded thereto.

Done in duplicate and signed in Washington the 18th November, 1873, and in Berlin the 31st October, 1873.

JNO. A. J. CRESWELL, [L. S.]
Postmaster-General of the United States.
 STEPHAN, [L. S.]
Director-General of Posts of Germany.

Duration of convention.

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

[L. S.]

U. S. GRANT.

By the President:

HAMILTON FISH,

Secretary of State.

WASHINGTON, November 18, 1873.

Approval.