

ARTICLE I.

For the purpose of providing additional facilities of mail-communication between the United States of America and Switzerland, it is hereby mutually agreed that United States postal cards mailed at any post-office in the United States and addressed to Switzerland, and Swiss postal cards mailed at any post-office in Switzerland 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 Switzerland. But unpaid or insufficiently paid postal cards will not be forwarded in the mails between the two countries.

Postal cards.

ARTICLE II.

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 between New York and Bremen or Hamburg. Each of the two post departments shall pay the entire expenses of the intermediate sea and territorial transport of the postal cards which are sent from its territory.

How forwarded.

Expenses of intermediate transport.

ARTICLE III.

The postage on postal cards sent in each direction is fixed as follows:

Postage.

1. At 2 cents when sent from the United States of America.
2. At 10 centimes when sent from Switzerland.

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.

To whom belongs.

ARTICLE IV.

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

Regulations for postal cards.

ARTICLE V.

This agreement shall go into effect on the 1st of May, 1874, and shall have equal duration with the postal convention of 11 October, 1867, and with the additional conventions concluded thereto.

Duration of convention.
Oct. 11, 1867, vol. xv, p. 573.

Done in duplicate and signed in Washington the 21st April, 1874, and in Berne the 31st March, 1874.

[SEAL.]

JNO. A. J. CRESWELL,
Postmaster-General of the U. S.
EUGENE NORD,
The Federal Post Department.

[SEAL.]

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

Approval.

[SEAL.]

U. S. GRANT.

By the President:

HAMILTON FISH,
Secretary of State.

WASHINGTON, April 21, 1874.