

Agreement between the United States of America and the Empire of Japan, for the prepayment in full to destination of the postage on newspapers and other articles of printed matter, patterns and samples of merchandise exchanged in the mails between the two countries. April 26, 1875.

The undersigned being thereunto duly authorized by their respective Governments have agreed to replace the fourth and fifth paragraphs of Article III of the Postal Convention between the United States of America and the Empire of Japan signed at Washington on the 6th day of August A. D. 1873, or the sixth day of the eighth month of the sixth year of Meiji, with the following paragraph, viz:

Contracting parties.

Amendment of postal convention of Aug. 6, 1873.

Rates of postage on newspapers, &c

"There shall be levied, collected and retained to its own use by the post office of the country of origin an international postage of 4 cents, or 4 sen on each newspaper, not exceeding four ounces in weight, and of 4 cents or 4 sen for each weight of two ounces or fraction of two ounces on all other articles of printed matter, patterns and samples of merchandise, which postage shall be in full of all charges to destination in the country of delivery."

This agreement shall be carried into operation on the 1st day of July A. D. 1875, or the first day of the seventh month of the eighth year of Meiji, and shall supersede from that date the fourth and fifth paragraphs of Article III of the aforesaid Convention.

Date of commencement.

Done in duplicate and signed at Washington this twenty-sixth day of April, one thousand eight hundred and seventy-five.

Signatures.

[L. S.]

MARSHALL JEWELL,
Postmaster General of the United States.
YOSHIDA KIYONARI

*His Imperial Japanese Majesty's Envoy Extraordinary and
Minister Plenipotentiary to the U. S. of America.*

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

Approval.

[L. S.]

U. S. GRANT.

By the President:

HAMILTON FISH,
Secretary of State.

WASHINGTON, April 27, 1875.

[Translation.]

I hereby approve the foregoing Agreement, and in testimony thereof I have caused the seal of the Empire of Japan to be affixed.

[L. S.]

MUTSUHITO.

The 15th day of the 6th month of the 8th year, Maiji.

By order of His Majesty:

TERASHIMA MUNENORI,
Minister for Foreign Affairs.