

# TREATIES AND CONVENTIONS.

*Convention between the Postal Department of the United States of America and the Postal Department of the Dominion of Canada.* June 8 and 23, 1875.

The Postal Department of the United States of America and the Postal Department of the Dominion of Canada being desirous of establishing an exchange of money-orders between the two countries, the undersigned, duly authorized for that purpose, have agreed upon the following articles: Contracting parties.

## ARTICLE I.

There shall be a regular exchange of money-orders between the two countries for sums received from remitters in one country for payment to beneficiaries in the other. Exchange of money-orders.

The maximum of each order is fixed at forty dollars, gold value, when issued in the Dominion of Canada, and when issued in the United States at fifty dollars in the national paper currency of that country, but no money-order shall include the fractional part of a cent. Maxima.

## ARTICLE II.

The Postal Department of the Dominion of Canada shall have the power to fix the rates of commission on all money-orders issued in the Dominion of Canada, and the Postal Department of the United States shall have the same power in regard to all money-orders issued in the United States. Commissions.

Each Postal Department shall communicate to the other its tariff of charges or rates of commission, and these rates shall, in all cases, be paid in advance by the remitter, who shall not be entitled to repayment thereof. It is understood, moreover, that each Department is authorized to suspend temporarily, after having given sixty days' notice of such intention to the other, the exchange of money-orders, in case the course of exchange, or any other circumstances, should give rise to abuses or cause detriment to the postal revenue. Exchange of tariffs.  
Suspensions.

## ARTICLE III.

Each country shall keep the commission charged on all money-orders issued within it, but shall pay to the other country one-half of one per cent. on the total amount of such orders. Disposal of commissions.

## ARTICLE IV.

The service of the postal money-order system between the two countries shall be performed exclusively through the agency of offices of exchange, which shall be established in the United States by the Postmaster-General of that country. Eight such offices are hereby designated, viz: Bangor, Me.; Boston, Mass.; New York, Ogdensburgh, and Buffalo, N. Y.; Detroit, Mich.; Saint Paul, Minn., and Portland, Oreg., and the number and location of these offices may be changed from time to time by said Postmaster-General as the interests of the service may require. Exchange-offices.

## ARTICLE V.

- Issue of orders.**  
**In the United States.** Any person in the United States desiring to remit to the Dominion of Canada a sum of money within the limits prescribed by Article I hereof, may pay it into any post-office in the United States designated from time to time by the Postmaster-General of that country for the transaction of Canadian money-order business. Such person shall, at the same time, give the name and address of the person to whom the amount is to be paid in said Dominion, and also his own name and address.
- In Canada.** Any person in the Dominion of Canada desiring to remit to the United States a sum of money within the same limits, may pay it into any money-order office of said Dominion, designated by the Postmaster-General thereof for said purpose, giving at the same time the name and address of the person to whom the amount is to be paid in the United States, and also his own name and address.
- Duty of postmaster.** The receiving postmaster in either country shall, in accordance with the rules established by its Postal Department, forward a coupon, an advice, and a money-order to the exchange-office in the United States most convenient to the residence of the beneficiary for whom the money is intended, the postmaster of which exchange-office shall, immediately after the receipt thereof, certify upon the coupon, the advice, and the order, the value of the same in the currency of the country in which payment is to be made, and he shall likewise enter therein the name of the inland office at which the same is to be paid, and shall at once forward the advice to said office, and the order to the beneficiary for whom the money is intended, retaining the coupon on file in his office as a voucher for his own protection and information.

## ARTICLE VI.

- Numbering orders.** The money-orders, advices, and coupons issued in each country shall have printed thereon consecutive local or inland numbers, the number upon each advice and coupon being the same as upon its corresponding order; and, in addition thereto, all such orders, advices, and coupons shall be numbered consecutively at the exchange-office at which they are certified, which numbers shall be in the order of their receipt and certification, and shall be designated as "international numbers."
- Reporting errors.** The discovery, by an inland postmaster, of any error in a money-order or advice shall be by him promptly reported to the exchange-office through which the same was certified, and any error coming to the notice of an exchange-office shall at once be reported to the Money-Order Office at Washington, D. C., in order that an explanation or correction may be given or asked for, as the case may be, which explanation or correction shall be afforded with the least possible delay.

## ARTICLE VII.

- Lists of orders issued.** Lists of all orders issued during each week by postmasters in either country for payment in the other, shall, at the close of the week, or as soon thereafter as practicable, be transmitted by the Postal Department of the issuing to that of the paying country, and at the close of each fiscal quarter two copies of an account shall be prepared and transmitted to the Postal Department of the United States by the Postal Department of the Dominion of Canada, exhibiting the balance found due on the exchanges of money-orders during the quarter, one copy of which, after proper verification and acknowledgment, shall be returned to the Postal Department of the Dominion of Canada. If this verified account shows a balance in favor of the Postal Department of the Dominion of Canada, that of the United States will transmit, with such verified copy of the quarterly account, a bill of exchange on Montreal, Canada, for the amount of said balance, payable to the Postal Department of the Dominion of Canada. The latter will then send an acknowledgment of receipt to the Postal Department of the United States. If,
- Accounts.**
- Payment of balances.**

on the other hand, said account, after verification and acknowledgment as aforesaid, shows a balance in favor of the Postal Department of the United States, then the Postal Department of the Dominion of Canada will, upon receipt of the certified copy of the same, transmit to that of the United States a bill of exchange for the amount thereof on New York. The United States Postal Department will then send in return an acknowledgment of receipt.

If, pending the settlement of an account, one of the two Postal Departments shall ascertain that it owes the other a balance exceeding five thousand dollars, the indebted administration shall promptly remit the approximate amount of such balance to the credit of the other. The expenses attending the remittance of bills of exchange shall invariably be borne by the Postal Department having to make the payment.

This account and the letters which accompany such intermediate remittances shall be in accordance with the forms A, B, and C, hereto annexed.

Payments pending settlements.

Forms.

ARTICLE VIII.

Until the two Postal Departments shall consent to an alteration, it is agreed that, in all matters relative to money-orders which shall result from the execution of the present convention, the Canadian dollar shall be considered equivalent to one dollar of the gold coin of the United States, and the exchange-offices in the United States shall certify all orders upon the basis of gold.

Value of dollar.

ARTICLE IX.

The value, in gold coin, of deposits made in the United States in paper money, for payment to beneficiaries in the Dominion of Canada, and the value, in United States paper money, of deposits made in the Dominion of Canada in gold coin, or currency of par value, for payment in the United States, shall be determined according to the rate of premium on gold in New York, N. Y., in the following manner, viz: The postmaster at New York shall, at three o'clock p. m. of each day, except Sunday, telegraph to each of the above-named exchange-offices in the United States the rate of premium on gold at that hour, which rate shall, when received by such exchange-office, be taken as the basis of conversion of money-values for the next and for all subsequent orders and advices dispatched and received, until the receipt of the next telegram from the postmaster at New York.

Ascertaining value of United States currency.

ARTICLE X.

A duplicate order shall only be issued by the Postal Department of the country on which the original order was drawn, and in conformity with the regulations established or to be established in that country.

Duplicates.

ARTICLE XI.

A money-order returned, on application by a dispatching exchange-office, to the inland issuing postmaster, as "not certified for payment," may be repaid by said postmaster to the remitter, in the same manner as a domestic order.

Returning orders.

ARTICLE XII.

An order which shall not have been paid within twelve calendar months after the month of its issue shall become void, and the sum received therefor shall accrue to and remain at the disposal of the country of origin, and the advice shall be returned, by the inland postmaster holding the same, to his Postal Department, to be by it returned to the Postal Department of the country in which it originated. The Postal Department of the Dominion of Canada shall, therefore, enter, to the

Unpaid orders.

credit of the United States, in the quarterly account, all sums certified from the latter country which remain unpaid at the end of the period specified. On the other hand, the United States Postal Department shall, at the close of each month, transmit to the Postal Department of the Dominion of Canada, for entry in the quarterly account, a detailed statement of all orders dispatched from said Dominion which, under this article, become void.

#### ARTICLE XIII.

**Repaying orders.** Repayment of an order, not void, to a remitter shall not be made until an authorization therefor shall first have been obtained by the Postal Department of the country of issue from the Postal Department of the country where such order was made payable; and the amount of the repaid order shall be duly credited to the former country in the quarterly account. It is the province of each Postal Department to determine the manner in which repayment to the remitter is to be made.

#### ARTICLE XIV.

**Regulations for payment.** The orders drawn by each country upon the other shall be subject, as regards payment, to the regulations which govern the payment of domestic orders in the country on which they are drawn.

#### ARTICLE XV.

**Additional rules.** The Postal Department of each country shall be authorized to adopt any additional rules, not repugnant to the foregoing, for greater security against fraud, or for the better working of the system generally. All such additional rules, however, must be promptly communicated to the Postal Department of the other country.

#### ARTICLE XVI.

**Commencement and duration.** The present convention shall take effect on Monday, the 2d day of August, 1875, and shall continue in force until twelve months after the date at which one of the contracting parties shall have notified to the other its intention to terminate it.

**Signatures.** Done in duplicate, and signed at Washington, on the eighth day of June, in the year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred and seventy-five, and at Ottawa, Canada, on the twenty-third day of June, in the year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred and seventy-five.

{ Seal of the Post-Office }  
 { Department of the }  
 { United States. }

MARSHALL JEWELL,  
*Postmaster-General of the United States.*

{ Seal of the Post-Office }  
 { Department of the }  
 { Dominion of Canada. }

T. FOURNIER,  
*Postmaster-General of the Dominion of Canada.*

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

U. S. GRANT.

By the President:  
 { Seal of the United States. }

JOHN L. CADWALADER,  
*Acting Secretary of State.*

JULY 7, 1875.

A.

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OTTAWA, Ont., \_\_\_\_\_

The within account exhibits a total balance of \$ \_\_\_\_\_ gold, which after deduction of the payments on account, as therein stated, leaves a balance remaining of \$ \_\_\_\_\_ due the Postal Department of \_\_\_\_\_.

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The above statement of account is accepted with a balance of \$ \_\_\_\_\_ gold, due the Postal Department of \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_.

\_\_\_\_\_  
*Auditor of the Treasury for the Post Office Department.*

WASHINGTON, D. C., \_\_\_\_\_, \_\_\_\_.

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The payment on account of \_\_\_\_\_ having been accepted by special vouchers, the receipt of the balance of \$ \_\_\_\_\_ gold remaining, is hereby acknowledged.

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B.

No. —.

POST-OFFICE DEPARTMENT, MONEY-ORDER OFFICE,

Ottawa, ———, ———.

SIR: The total number of international money-orders which were issued in the Dominion of Canada from ———, 18—, to ———, 18—, inclusive, and were certified and transmitted by the several exchange offices of ——— for payment in the United States, was ———, amounting to \$——.

The total number of such orders, which were issued in the United States during the same period, and were certified and transmitted by said offices for payment in the Dominion of Canada, was \$——.

On account of which the Canadian office has already paid the following sums, viz:

——, 18—	.....	\$
——, 18—	.....	\$
——, 18—	.....	\$

Difference remaining ..... \$

In accordance with Article VII of the convention of ———, 1875, a bill of exchange on New York, N. Y., for \$—— is herewith transmitted, the receipt of which you will be pleased to acknowledge in due form.

To the POSTMASTER-GENERAL OF THE UNITED STATES,  
Washington.

C.

No. —

POST-OFFICE DEPARTMENT, MONEY-ORDER OFFICE,

Washington, D. C., ———, 18—, ———.

SIR: The total number of international money-orders, which were issued in the United States from ———, 18—, to ———, 18—, inclusive, and were certified and transmitted by the several exchange offices of ——— for payment in the Dominion of Canada, was ———, amounting to \$——.

The total number of such orders, which were issued in the Dominion of Canada during the same period, and were certified and transmitted by said offices for payment in the United States, was ———, amounting to \$——.

On account of which the United States office has already paid the following sums, viz :

——, 18—.....	\$
——, 18—.....	\$
——, 18—.....	\$
Difference remaining .....	\$

In accordance with Article VII of the convention of ———, 1875, a bill of exchange on Montreal, Canada, is herewith transmitted, the receipt of which you will be pleased to acknowledge in due form.

To the POSTMASTER-GENERAL OF THE DOMINION OF CANADA,  
Ottawa.

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Superintendent.