

Special arrangement between the General Post-Offices of the United States and the United Kingdom, fixing rates of Territorial transit-charges on British closed mails conveyed across the American continent between Boston or New York and San Francisco. Oct. 6, 1876.

Whereas Article X of the treaty concerning the formation of a general postal union, signed at Berne October 9, 1874, provides that the territorial transit-charges on the mails conveyed across the United States of America by the railways between New York and San Francisco shall continue to form the object of special arrangements between the post-offices concerned; and whereas the territorial transit-rates for the conveyance of correspondence in closed mails through the United States, fixed by the eleventh article of the postal convention of 7-24 November, 1868, between the General Post-Office of the United States of America and the general post-office of the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Ireland, were, by a notice of one year, terminated on the 24th of August, 1876: The undersigned, being thereunto duly authorized by their respective governments, and acting for and in behalf of the General Post-Offices of the United States and of the United Kingdom, respectively, do hereby agree that the territorial transit-charges to be paid by the British post-office to the United States Post-Office on the British closed mails conveyed on and after the 24th of August, 1876, across the territory of the United States, between Boston or New York and San Francisco, shall be 6 francs per kilogramme of letters and 2 francs per kilogramme of newspapers, other printed matter, and patterns and samples of merchandise.

Rates for territorial transit of mails.

This agreement shall be terminable at any time on a notice by either office of one year. Duration.

In testimony whereof the undersigned have subscribed their names and affixed their seals hereto, at Washington, in duplicate original, this 6th day of October, 1876. Signatures.

[SEAL.]

JAS. N. TYNER,
Postmaster-General of the United States.
EDW'D THORNTON,
Her Britannic Majesty's Minister.

Amended article to replace article three of the postal convention between the United States of America and the colonial government of New Zealand, signed at Wellington, August 3, 1870, and at Washington, October 5, 1870. Aug. 28, Oct. 11, 1877.

The undersigned, being thereunto duly authorized by their respective governments, have agreed to replace article 3 of the postal convention of August 3, October 5, 1870, by the following article: Authority.

ARTICLE 3.

No accounts shall be kept between the post departments of the two countries upon the international correspondence, written or printed, exchanged between them, but each country shall retain to its own use the postage which it collects. Accounts.

The single rate of international letter postage shall be 12 cents in the United States and 6 pence in New Zealand on each letter weighing half Letter rates