

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

an ounce or less, and an additional rate of 12 cents (6 pence) for each single weight of half an ounce, or fraction thereof, which shall, in all cases, be prepaid, at least one single rate, by means of postage-stamps, at the office of mailing in either country. Letters unpaid, or prepaid less than one full rate of postage, shall not be forwarded, but insufficiently paid letters, on which a single rate or more has been prepaid, shall be forwarded charged with the deficient postage to be collected and retained by the post department of the country of destination.

Newspaper, etc., rates:
In United States. The United States Post-Office shall levy and collect to its own use, on newspapers addressed to New Zealand, a postage charge of two cents; on all other articles of printed matter, patterns, and samples of merchandise addressed to New Zealand, a postage charge of 4 cents per each weight of four ounces or fraction of four ounces.

In New Zealand. The post-office of New Zealand shall levy and collect to its own use, on newspapers and other articles of printed matter, patterns, and samples of merchandise addressed to the United States, the regular rates of domestic postage chargeable thereon by the laws and regulations of the Colony of New Zealand.

Delivery at destination. Letters, newspapers, and other articles of printed matter, patterns, and samples of merchandise, fully prepaid, which may be received in either country from the other, shall be delivered free of all charge whatever.

Application of local laws. Newspapers, and all other kinds of printed matter, and patterns and samples of merchandise are to be subject to the laws and regulations of each country, respectively, in regard to their liability to be rated with letter-postage when containing written matter, or for any other causes specified in said laws and regulations, as well as in regard to their liability to customs duty under the revenue laws.

Commencement. The provisions of this amended article shall be carried into operation on the first of December, A. D. 1877.

Signatures. Done in duplicate and signed at Washington the twenty-eighth day of August, and at Wellington the eleventh day of October, 1877.
 [SEAL.]

D. M. KEY,
Postmaster-General of the United States.
 GEO. McLEAN,
Postmaster-General of New Zealand.

Approval. I hereby approve the foregoing amended article, and in testimony thereof I have caused the seal of the United States to be affixed hereto.
 [SEAL.] R. B. HAYES.

By the President:
 F. W. SEWARD,
Acting Secretary of State.

WASHINGTON, 28th August, 1877.