

Convention. *Amended Convention between the Post-Office Department of the United States of America and the General Post-Office of the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Ireland for modifying the system of exchange of money orders, concluded at London, December 2, 1879, and at Washington, December 18, 1879.*

Contracting parties. The Post Office Department of the United States of America and the General Post Office of the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Ireland being desirous of modifying the present system of exchange of Money Orders between the two countries, the undersigned, duly authorized for that purpose, have agreed upon the following Articles:

#### ARTICLE 1.

Exchange of money-orders. There shall be a regular exchange of money orders between the two countries.

Maximum of orders limited. The maximum of each order is fixed at £10 sterling, when issued in the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Ireland, and when issued in the United States, at \$50 in the money of the latter country.

No money order shall include a fractional part of a penny, or, of a cent.

#### ARTICLE 2.

Commissions. The British Post Office shall have power to fix the rates of commission on all money orders issued in the United Kingdom, and the Post Office Department of the United States shall have the same power in regard to all money orders issued in the United States.

Each Office shall communicate to the other its tariff of charges, or rates of commission, which shall be established under this Convention, and these rates shall, in all cases, be payable in advance by the remitters, and shall not be repayable.

Issue of orders may be suspended. It is understood, moreover, that each Office is authorized to suspend, temporarily, the exchange of money orders in case the course of exchange, or any other circumstance should give rise to abuses, or, cause detriment to the postal revenue.

#### ARTICLE 3.

Each country shall keep the commission charged on all money orders within its jurisdiction, but shall pay to the other country  $\frac{2}{3}$ ths of one per cent. on the amount of such orders.

#### ARTICLE 4.

Offices of exchange. The service of the Postal money-order system between the two countries, shall be performed exclusively by the agency of Offices of Exchange. On the part of the United States the Office of Exchange shall be New York, and on the part of the United Kingdom London.

Orders shall be drawn only on the authorized money-order offices of the respective countries; and each Postal Administration shall furnish to the other a List of such offices, and shall, from time to time, notify any addition to, or change in such list.

ARTICLE 5.

No money order shall be issued unless the applicant furnish the name and address of the person to whom the amount is to be paid, and his own name and address; or, the name of the firm, or company who are the remitters or payees, together with the addresses of each.

Information to be furnished by applicant.

The money orders, issued in either country, shall be forwarded by the remitters to the payees, at their own expense.

Expense of forwarding orders to be paid by person forwarding.

ARTICLE 6.

The advices of all money orders issued upon the United Kingdom by the post offices in the United States shall be sent to the Office of Exchange at New York, where they shall be impressed with a dated stamp (Form "A") showing the amount to be paid in Sterling money, and transmitted, by the next mail, to the Chief Office at London, accompanied by a List, in duplicate, drawn upon the model of Form "B".

Advices of orders issued to be transmitted.

The advices, on their arrival in London, shall be compared with the entries in the List, and, afterwards dispatched to the paying offices.

In like manner the advices of money orders, drawn on the United States by postmasters in the United Kingdom, shall be sent to the Chief Office at London, shall there be impressed with a dated stamp (Form "A") showing the amount to be paid in United States money, and be dispatched accompanied by a List, in duplicate, (Form "C") to the Office of Exchange at New York, by the next mail.

The advices, on their receipt at New York, shall be compared with the entries in the List, and afterwards dispatched to the paying offices.

The advices of orders issued in the United States in the month of December, which may arrive at the Office of Exchange at New York in the earlier days of the following month, shall be entered on Lists supplementary to that of the last day of the month of December, and, in like manner, the advices of orders issued in the United Kingdom in the month of June, which may arrive at the Chief Office at London in the earlier days of the following month, shall be entered on Lists supplementary to that of the last day of the month of June.

Orders issued in December.

Orders issued in June.

Each Exchange Office shall certify its orders to the other in amounts designated in the denominations of the money both of the dispatching and receiving country, at the rate of conversion established by Article 13 of this Convention. The amounts, so converted, shall be checked at the receiving Office of Exchange.

Orders certified in money of both countries.

ARTICLE 7.

The Lists, dispatched from each Office of Exchange, shall be numbered consecutively, commencing with No. 1. at the beginning of the month of July in each year; and the entries in these Lists shall also have consecutive numbers.

Lists.

Of each List dispatched a duplicate shall be sent, which duplicate, after being verified by the receiving Office of Exchange, shall be returned to the dispatching Office of Exchange.

Each Office of Exchange shall promptly communicate to the other the correction of any simple error, which it may discover in the verification of the Lists.

Errors in lists.

When the Lists shall show irregularities, which the receiving Office shall not be able to rectify, that Office shall apply for an explanation to the dispatching Office, and such explanation shall be afforded without delay.

Irregularities in lists.

Should any List fail to be received in due course, the dispatching Office, on receiving information to that effect, shall transmit, without delay, a duplicate of the List, duly certified as such.

Duplicate of lists failing to arrive.

## ARTICLE 8.

**Duplicate orders.** Duplicate orders shall only be issued by the Postal Administration of the country, on which the original orders were drawn, and in conformity with the regulations established, or, to be established, in that country.

## ARTICLE 9.

**Payment.** The orders, issued by each country on the other, shall be subject, as regards payment, to the regulations which govern the payment of inland orders of the country, on which they were drawn.

**Paid orders to remain in possession of country of payment.** The paid orders shall remain in the possession of the country of payment.

## ARTICLE 10.

**Repayment to remitters.** Repayment of orders to remitters shall not be made until an authorization for such repayment shall first have been obtained by the country of issue from the country where such orders are payable, and the amounts of the repaid orders shall be duly credited to the former country in the quarterly account (Article 12).

It is the province of each Postal Administration to determine the manner in which repayment to the remitters is to be made.

## ARTICLE 11.

**Orders void if not paid within twelve months.** Orders which shall not have been paid within twelve calendar months from the month of issue, shall become void, and the sums received shall accrue to, and be at the disposal of the country of origin.

**Void orders, settlements for.** The British Office shall, therefore, enter to the credit of the United States, in the quarterly account, all money orders entered in the Lists received from the United States, which remain unpaid at the end of the period specified. (Article 12.)

On the other hand the Post Office Department of the United States shall, at the close of each month, transmit to the British Office, for entry in the quarterly account, a detailed statement of all orders, included in the Lists dispatched from the latter Office, which under this Article become void.

## ARTICLE 12.

**Quarterly accounts to be rendered.** At the close of each quarter an account shall be prepared at the Chief Office London, showing in detail the totals of the Lists, containing the particulars of orders issued in either country during the quarter, and the balance resulting from such transactions.

**Particulars of accounts.** Three copies of this account shall be transmitted to the Post Office Department of the United States at Washington, and the balance, after proper verification, shall, if due by the Post Office Department of the United States, be paid at London, but, if due by the British Post Office, it shall be paid at New York, and always in the money of the country to which the payment is made.

**Settlement of accounts and payment of balances.** If pending the settlement of an account, one of the two Postal Administrations shall ascertain that it owes the other a balance exceeding £1000 sterling, the indebted Administration shall promptly remit the approximate amount of such balance to the credit of the other.

This amount, and the letters which accompany such intermediate remittances, shall be in accordance with the forms "D", "E", "F", "G", and "H", annexed to this Convention.

## ARTICLE 13.

**Value of £ sterling equal to four dollars and eighty-seven cents.** Until the two Postal Administrations shall consent to an alteration, it is agreed that in all matters of account, relative to money orders, which shall result from the execution of the present Convention, the

pound sterling of Great Britain shall be considered as equivalent to 4 dollars 87 cents of the money of the United States.

ARTICLE 14.

The Postal Administration in each country shall be authorized to adopt any additional rules, (if not repugnant to the foregoing,) for the greater security against fraud, or, for the better working of the system generally. Additional rules and safeguards may be adopted.

All such additional rules, however, must be promptly communicated to the Post Office of the other country.

ARTICLE 15.

This present Convention shall be substituted for, and shall take effect, in lieu of all previous Conventions or arrangements relative to the exchange of money orders between the two countries, on the 1st day of April 1880, and shall continue in force until twelve months after either of the contracting parties shall have notified to the other its intention to terminate it. Commencement April 1, 1880, to continue subject to termination on twelve months' notice.

Done in duplicate and signed in Washington on the 18th day of December in the year of our Lord, 1879, and in London on the 2nd day of December in the year of our Lord, 1879.

D. M. KEY,  
*Postmaster General of the United States.*

[Seal of the Post-Office  
Department of the  
United States.]

Signatures.

JOHN MANNERS,  
*Postmaster General of the United Kingdom.*

[Seal of the Post-Office  
Department of the  
United Kingdom.]

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

R. B. HAYES.

[Seal of the  
United States.]

By the President:

WM. M. EVARTS,  
*Secretary of State.*

DECEMBER 19TH, 1879.



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FORMS.

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“A.”

VALUE OF UNITED STATES ORDER IN  
ENGLISH MONEY.

| £ | s. | d. |
|---|----|----|
| 5 | 3  | 2  |

NEW YORK, APRIL 1, 1880.

VALUE OF ENGLISH ORDER IN UNITED  
STATES MONEY.

|      |       |
|------|-------|
| \$14 | c. 25 |
|------|-------|

LONDON, APRIL 1, 1880.



"B."

|                                 |
|---------------------------------|
| Stamp of<br>New York<br>office. |
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List No. ———.

SIR:

I have the honor to transmit to you herewith, in duplicate, a List containing a detailed statement of the sums received in the United States since my last dispatch (List No. ———), for orders payable in Great Britain and Ireland, amounting in the aggregate to \$———.

Be pleased to examine, complete, and return to me the original copy of this List, with your acknowledgment of its receipt indorsed thereon.

I am, sir, your obedient servant,

To the CONTROLLER, MONEY-ORDER OFFICE,  
*London*

*Postmaster New York*



**"B."**

MONEY-ORDER OFFICE,  
London, ———, 188—

SIR:

I have examined this List of Money Orders from No. — to No. —, inclusive, for sums received in the United States for payment in the United Kingdom, amounting in the aggregate to \$——, and which is to be paid to the net amount of £—— s. — d. —.

The said List was found to be correct, with the following exceptions:

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I am, sir, your obedient servant,

To the POSTMASTER MONEY-ORDER EXCHANGE OFFICE,  
New York.

\_\_\_\_\_  
Controller.





“E.”

Table showing the particulars of such orders as have been repaid to the remitters in the country of issue.

| Issued in the United Kingdom.     |               |                             |                  |    | Issued in the United States. |   |   |              |               |                                    |                  |   |   |   |   |  |  |  |  |  |
|-----------------------------------|---------------|-----------------------------|------------------|----|------------------------------|---|---|--------------|---------------|------------------------------------|------------------|---|---|---|---|--|--|--|--|--|
| No. of List.                      | Date of List. | No. of international Order. | Amount of Order. |    |                              |   |   | No. of List. | Date of List. | No. of international Order.        | Amount of Order. |   |   |   |   |  |  |  |  |  |
|                                   |               |                             | £                | s. | d.                           | ¢ | ¢ |              |               |                                    | ¢                | ¢ | ¢ | ¢ | ¢ |  |  |  |  |  |
|                                   |               |                             |                  |    |                              |   |   |              |               |                                    |                  |   |   |   |   |  |  |  |  |  |
| To credit of British Office ..... |               |                             |                  |    |                              |   |   |              |               | To credit of United States Office. |                  |   |   |   |   |  |  |  |  |  |



“G.”

Balance.

| To credit of British Office.  |    |    |    | To credit of United States Office.                                       |    |    |    |
|---|----|----|----|--|----|----|----|
|   | \$ | c. |    |  | \$ | s. | d. |
| Amount of International Orders issued in the United States            |    |    |    | Amount of International Orders issued in the United Kingdom              |    |    |    |
| $\frac{1}{2}$ of one per cent. on amount of such issues               |    |    |    | $\frac{1}{2}$ of one per cent. on amount of such issues                  |    |    |    |
| Amount of void orders of British issue, as per Table                  |    |    |    | Amount of void orders of United States issue, as per Table               |    |    |    |
| Amount of International Orders repaid in United Kingdom, as per Table |    |    |    | Amount of International Orders repaid in the United States, as per Table |    |    |    |
| Total   |    |    |    | Total  |    |    |    |
| Converted into Sterling   | £  | s. | d. | Converted into United States money                                       | \$ | c. |    |
| United States credit to be deducted                                   |    |    |    | British credit to be deducted  |    |    |    |
| Balance to credit of British Office                                   |    |    |    | Balance to credit of United States Office                                |    |    |    |
| Paid on account to the office of the United States:                   |    |    |    | Paid on account to the office of Great Britain:                          |    |    |    |
| Dates.            £        s.        d.                               |    |    |    | Dates.            \$        c.   |    |    |    |
|   |    |    |    |  |    |    |    |
|   |    |    |    |  |    |    |    |
|   |    |    |    |  |    |    |    |
| Balance remaining   |    |    |    | Balance remaining  |    |    |    |

The within Account exhibits a total Balance of \_\_\_\_\_, which, after deduction of the payments on account as therein stated, leaves a Balance remaining of \_\_\_\_\_ due to the \_\_\_\_\_ office.

Signature of proper accounting officer of the British Office. \_\_\_\_\_

The above statement of Account is accepted with a balance of \_\_\_\_\_ due to the \_\_\_\_\_ office.

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

WASHINGTON, \_\_\_\_\_, 188-.

The payment on account of \_\_\_\_\_ having been received by special vouchers, the receipt of the Balance remaining of \_\_\_\_\_ is hereby acknowledged.

\_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_, \_\_\_\_\_, 188-.



“G.”

No. \_\_\_\_\_.

MONEY ORDER OFFICE,  
London, \_\_\_\_\_, 188-.

SIR:

The Lists of International Money Orders which the \_\_\_\_\_ Exchange Office has transmitted to the New York Exchange Office from \_\_\_\_\_ to \_\_\_\_\_, 188-, amount to the sum of £\_\_\_\_\_, equal to ..... \$  
The Lists transmitted by the New York Office to the \_\_\_\_\_ Office, during the same period, amount to ..... \$

Difference.....

On account of which the British Office has already paid the following sums, viz:—

|                    |    |
|--------------------|----|
| _____, 188-, ..... | \$ |
| _____, 188-, ..... | \$ |
| _____, 188-, ..... | \$ |
| _____, 188-, ..... | \$ |

Difference remaining ..... \$

In accordance with the terms of Article 12 of the Convention of December 2-18, 1879, a Bill of Exchange on New York 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.

“H.”

No. \_\_\_\_\_

POST OFFICE DEPARTMENT,  
Washington, D. C., \_\_\_\_\_, 188-.

SIR:

The Lists of International Money Orders which the Exchange Office of New York has transmitted to the Exchange Office of \_\_\_\_\_, from \_\_\_\_\_, 188-, amount to the sum of \$\_\_\_\_\_, equal to.....£  
The Lists transmitted by the Exchange Office \_\_\_\_\_ to the New York Office, during the same period, amount to.....£

Difference.....£

On account of which the United States Office has already paid the following sums:

\_\_\_\_\_, 188-, .....£  
\_\_\_\_\_, 188-, .....£  
\_\_\_\_\_, 188-, .....£

Difference remaining.....£

In accordance with the terms of Article 12 of the Convention of December 2-18, 1879, a Bill of Exchange on London for £\_\_\_\_\_ is herewith transmitted, the receipt of which you will be pleased to acknowledge in due form.

To the POSTMASTER GENERAL,  
London, England.

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Superintendent, Money Order Office.