

Oct. 11, 26, 1881.

Convention between the Post-Office Department of the United States of America and the General Post-Office of the Island of Jamaica, concerning an Exchange of money-orders. Done in duplicate and signed in Washington, October 26, 1881; and in Kingston, October 11, 1881.

Contracting parties.

The Post-Office Department of the United States of America and the General Post-Office of the Island of Jamaica being desirous of establishing a 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 Postal money-orders.

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

Maximum.

The maximum of each order is fixed at Ten pounds (£10) sterling when issued in Jamaica; and when issued in the United States at Fifty dollars (\$50) in the money of the latter country.

Fractions excluded.

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

Amounts, how expressed.

The amount of each order must be expressed in letters in the money of the country in which payment is to be made, and the equivalent in the money of the issuing country must also be shown in figures, at the rate of conversion fixed by Article 13 of the present convention.

ARTICLE 2.

Commissions, how rated.

The Jamaica Post-Office shall have power to fix the rates of commission on all money-orders issued in Jamaica, 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 from time to time 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.

Suspension of issue authorized.

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.

Commissions, disposition and payment of.

Each country shall keep the commission charged on all money-orders within its jurisdiction, but shall pay to the other country three-fourths of one per cent. on the amount of such orders.

ARTICLE 4.

Exchange of offices designated.

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 Jamaica, Kingston.

Orders, how drawn.

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.

Lists.

Advices.

Every order and advice must contain the name of the Office and of the country of destination, and, if relating to an order payable in the United States, the name of the State in which such office is situated.

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.

Contents of orders.

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

Transmission.

ARTICLE 6.

The advices of all money-orders issued upon Jamaica by the Post Offices in the United States shall be sent to the Office of Exchange at New York, where they shall be examined, and, if found correct, impressed with the dated stamp of that office, and transmitted, by the next mail, to the exchange office at Kingston, accompanied by a List, in duplicate, drawn upon the model of Form "A."

Advices, transmission of.

Form "A."

The advices, on their arrival at Kingston, shall be compared with the entries in the list, and afterwards, despatched to the paying offices.

In like manner the advices of money orders, drawn on the United States by Postmasters in Jamaica, shall be sent to the Exchange Office at Kingston, shall there be examined, and, if found correct, impressed with the dated stamp of that Office, and be despatched accompanied by a list, in duplicate, (Form "B") to the Office of Exchange at New York by the next mail.

Form "B."

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

Advices and lists, receipt of.

The advices of orders issued in the United States in the month of September, 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 September, and, in like manner, the advices of orders issued in Jamaica in the month of June, which may arrive at the Exchange Office at Kingston 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.

Form "B."

Each Exchange Office shall certify its orders to the other, on the lists in amounts designated in the denominations of the money both of the despatching 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.

Lists to be certified.

ARTICLE 7.

The lists despatched 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 to be numbered consecutively.

Of each list despatched a duplicate shall be sent, which duplicate, after being verified by the receiving Office of Exchange shall be returned to the despatching Office of Exchange.

Duplicate lists.

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, notice of.

When the lists shall show irregularities, which the receiving Office of Exchange shall not be able to rectify, that office shall apply for an explanation to the despatching Exchange-Office, and such explanation shall be afforded without delay.

Irregularities, notice of.

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

Duplicate lists, when.

ARTICLE 8.

Duplicate orders, when issued. 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.

Regulations governing payment. The orders, issued by each Country on the other, shall be subject, as regards payment, to the regulations which govern the payment of Money-Orders in the country on which they were drawn.

The paid orders shall remain in the possession of the Country of payment.

ARTICLE 10.

Repayment to remitters, how made. 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 remitters is to be made.

ARTICLE 11.

Orders unpaid for twelve months, void. 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.

The Jamaica 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 Jamaica Office, for entry in the quarterly account, a detailed statement of all orders, included in the lists despatched from the latter office, which, under this Article become void.

ARTICLE 12.

Accounts to be rendered quarterly. At the close of each quarter an account shall be prepared at the General Post Office of Jamaica, 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.

Balances, payment of. 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 Kingston, but, if due by the Jamaica Post Office, it shall be paid at New York, and in the money of the country to which the payment is made.

Payments may also be made in Money, or by Drafts or by Bills of Exchange on points other than Kingston or New York, by mutual agreement between the two Departments.

Balances pending settlement. If, pending the settlement of an account one of the two Postal Administrations shall ascertain that it owes the other a balance exceeding Five thousand dollars (\$5,000) the indebted administration shall promptly remit the approximate amount of such balance to the credit of the other; but nothing herein contained shall prevent such administration from remitting a lesser amount than Five thousand dollars (\$5,000) at discretion.

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

ARTICLE 13.

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 this convention, the pound sterling of Great Britain shall be considered as equivalent to four dollars, eighty-seven cents of the money of the United States. Equivalent value of pound sterling.

ARTICLE 14.

The Postal Administration in each Country shall be authorized to adopt any additional rules (if not repugnant to the forgoing) for greater security against fraud, or for the better working of the system generally. Additional rules.
 All such additional rules, however, must be promptly communicated to the Post Office Department of the other Country.

ARTICLE 15.

This present convention shall take effect on the first day of January one thousand eight hundred and eighty-two, 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.
Termination.

Done in duplicate and signed in Washington on the twenty-sixth day of October in the year of our Lord 1881, and in Kingston on the eleventh day of October in the year of our Lord 1881. Dates.
Signatures.

(Sig.) **THOMAS L. JAMES,** [Seal of the Post Office Department of the United States.]
Postmaster General of the United States.
 (Sig.) **A. MUSGRAVE,** [Seal of Jamaica.]
Governor of Jamaica.

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

[Seal of the United States.] (Sig.) **CHESTER A. ARTHUR.**

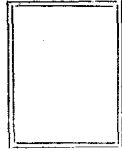
By the President:
 (Sig.) **JAMES G. BLAINE,**
Secretary of State.

OCTOBER 27th, 1881.

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List No.

Stamp of New York Office.



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 Jamaica, amounting in the aggregate to \$....., = £....., s. d.

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,

Postmaster, New York.

To the POSTMASTER FOR JAMAICA,
Kingston.

A.

Blanks to be filled by the Dispatching Exchange Office of New York.											For use of Gen'l. Post Office, Jamaica.				
Current number of International Order.	Number of Original Order.	Date of Original Order.	Office issuing Original Order.	Office where payable.	Payee.		Remitter.		Amount of Order in U. S. Money.		Amount of Order in British Money.			Date of Payment.	Remarks.
					Name.	Address.	Name.	Address.	\$	c.	£	s.	d.		

F.
BALANCE.

To credit of Jamaica Office.				To credit of United States Office.			
Amount of international orders issued in the United States	£.	s.	d.	Amount of international orders issued in Jamaica	£.	s.	d.
‡ of one per cent. on amount of such issues				‡ of one per cent. on amount of such issues			
Deduct amount of void orders of U. S. issued as per table	£.	s.	d.	Deduct amount of void orders of Jamaica issue, as per table	£.	s.	d.
Deduct amount of international orders repaid in U. S., as per table				Deduct amount of international orders repaid in Jamaica, as per table			
Total deduction				Total deduction			
United States credit converted at \$4.87 to the pound, to be deducted				Jamaica credit converted at \$4.87 to the the pound, to be deducted			
Balance to credit of Jamaica Office				Balance to credit of U. S. Office			
Paid on account by the Office of the United States	£.	s.	d.	Paid on account by the Office of Jamaica	£.	s.	d.
Dates:				Dates:			
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.

Postmaster for Jamaica.

The above statement of account is accepted with a balance of _____ due the _____ Office.

Washington, _____, 188...

Auditor of the Treasury for the Post Office Department.

The payment on account of _____, having been receipted by special vouchers, the receipt of the balance remaining of _____ is hereby acknowledged.

_____, 188...

F.

GENERAL POST OFFICE, JAMAICA,

Kingston, , 188 .

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

Difference \$.....

On account of which the Jamaica Office has already paid the following sums, vis:

-, 188 , \$.....
-, 188 , \$.....
-, 188 , \$.....
-, 188 , \$.....

Difference remaining \$.....

Particulars: In accordance with the terms of Article 18 of the Convention of , 188 , the sum of is herewith transmitted, as per particulars in the margin, the receipt of which you will be pleased to acknowledge in due form.

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Postmaster for Jamaica.

To the Postmaster General of the United States, Washington.

G.

POST OFFICE DEPARTMENT,
Washington, D. C.,..... 188 .

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

On account of which the United States Office has already paid the following sums :
.....188 , £.....
.....188 , £.....
.....188 , £.....
.....188 , £.....
Difference remaining £.....

Particulars: In accordance with the terms of Article 12 of the Convention of 188 , the sum of £..... is herewith transmitted, as per particulars in the margin, the receipt of which you will be pleased to acknowledge in due form.

To the Postmaster for Jamaica, Kingston.

Superintendent Money Order System.