

Agreement with reference to the Convention for the exchange of money by means of postal-orders between the United States and Portugal, concluded at Washington, July 15, 1882; executed December 14, 1882; approved by the President December 18, 1882.

July 15, 1882.

Whereas Article 11 of the Convention for the exchange of money by means of postal-orders between the United States and Portugal, concluded at Washington, July 15, 1882, stipulates that "The ratifications of the present Convention shall be exchanged prior to the first day of December, 1882"; and

Preamble.

Whereas the said Convention, having been approved by the President of the United States on the 15th day of July, 1882, has thereby been duly ratified on the part of the United States, and one copy thereof, bearing such approval, has been transmitted to and received by the Government of Portugal; but

Whereas the Government of Portugal, through its Envoy Extraordinary and Minister Plenipotentiary, has notified the Government of the United States that, in view of the stipulation contained in Article 3, section 2, of the said Convention, that, "in addition to the fee mentioned in this article no other charge, tax, commission, or impost shall be collected for the issue, transmission, distribution, or payment of money-orders provided for in this Convention," which stipulation exempts the receipts upon money-orders from any stamp tax whatsoever, it cannot put the said Convention into operation without parliamentary approval thereof, and that it will ask for such approval so soon as the Cortes shall convene:

Now, therefore, the undersigned, Timothy O. Howe, Postmaster-General of the United States of America, in virtue of the powers vested in him by law, and Viscount das Nogueiras, Envoy Extraordinary and Minister Plenipotentiary of His Majesty the King of Portugal, in the name of his Government, and by virtue of the powers which he has formally presented to this effect, have agreed,

Contracting parties.

That in lieu of Article 10 of the said Convention, which is in these words: "The present Convention shall take effect on the first day of January, 1883, 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," shall be substituted the following:

Previous convention modified.

ARTICLE 10.

The present Convention shall take effect on the first day of July, 1883, 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. Duration.

And have furthermore agreed that in lieu of Article 11 of the said Convention, which is in these words: "The ratifications of the present Convention shall be exchanged prior to the first day of December, 1882," shall be substituted the following:

ARTICLE 11.

The ratifications of the present Convention shall be exchanged prior to the first day of June, 1883.

Exchange of ratifications.

This agreement shall be ratified before the first day of May, 1883.

In witness whereof the respective Plenipotentiaries have signed the present agreement and have affixed thereto their seals.

Executed in duplicate, and signed at Washington, the fourteenth day
of December, 1882.

Signatures.

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

[Seal of the Legation
of Portugal.]

TIMO. O. HOWE,
The Postmaster-General of the United States.
VISCONDE DAS NOGUEIRAS,
*Envoy Extraordinary and Minister
Plenipotentiary of Portugal to the United States.*

President's ap-
proval.

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

[Seal of the United
States.]

CHESTER A. ARTHUR.

By the President.

FRED'K T. FREELINGHUYSEN,
Secretary of State.

WASHINGTON, *December 18, 1882.*