

Nov. 20, 1882.

*Convention between the Post-Office Department of the United States of America, and the General Post-Office of the Colony of Tasmania, concerning the exchange of money-orders. Signed July 5 and November 20, 1882; approved by the President November 20, 1882.*

Contracting parties.

The Post-Office Department of the United States of America and the General Post-Office of the Colony of Tasmania, 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.

Scope.

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

Money orders.

The maximum of each order is fixed at £10 sterling when issued in Tasmania, and, when issued in the United States, at the equivalent, in sterling money, of \$50 in the money of the latter country, converted at the rate fixed by article 13 of the present Convention.

Fractions.

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

Amount.

The amount of each order, whether issued in the United States or in Tasmania, must be expressed in letters in British money, and the equivalent in the money of the United States must also be shown in figures.

## ARTICLE 2.

Commission.

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

Tariff of charges.

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.

Suspension of exchanges.

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.

Payment of commission.

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.

Service; how performed.

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 San Francisco, California, and on the part of Tasmania, Hobart.

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. 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.

Lists.

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.

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

Forwarding orders.

ARTICLE 6

The advices of all money-orders issued upon Tasmania by the post-offices in the United States shall be sent to the Office of Exchange at San Francisco, 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 direct mail, to the Exchange Office at Hobart, accompanied by a List, in duplicate, drawn upon the model of Form "B".

Advices.

Form A.

Form B.

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

Receipt of advices.

In like manner, the advices of money-orders, drawn on the United States by postmasters in Tasmania, shall be sent to the Exchange Office at Hobart, 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 San Francisco, by the next direct mail.

The advices, on their receipt at San Francisco, 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 June, which may arrive at the Office of Exchange at San Francisco 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, and in like manner, the advices of orders issued in Tasmania in the month of June, which may arrive at the Exchange Office at Hobart 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.

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.

Each Administration hereby undertakes and agrees to suspend the issue of money-orders a sufficient length of time before the sailing of each steamer which carries the Exchange Lists and advices, at those post-offices in its own territory where such suspension may be necessary, in order to prevent the issue of orders which could be dispatched by the outgoing mail while the corresponding advices could not be certified by the Exchange Office in time to be conveyed by that mail.

Temporary suspension of issue for closing accounts.

The Exchange Lists and the accompanying advices shall invariably be sent by such steamers as carry the mails directly from San Francisco to Sydney, or from Sydney to San Francisco, as the case may be, and not via London in any event.

Lists and advices; how forwarded.

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 to be numbered consecutively.

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.

Duplicate sets.

Each Office of Exchange shall promptly communicate to the other the

Errors.

correction of any simple error which it may discover in the verification of the Lists.

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

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

#### 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 of orders.** 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.

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.

**Void orders.** 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.

**Quarterly accounts.** The Tasmania 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.)

**Monthly statement of void orders.** On the other hand, the Post-Office Department of the United States shall, at the close of each month, transmit to the Tasmania 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.

**Accounts.** At the close of each quarter an account shall be prepared at the General Post-Office of Tasmania, 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. 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 General Post-Office of Tasmania, be paid to the General Post-Office at London, to the credit of the Post-Office Department of the United States, on account of the exchange of money-orders between the United States and the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Ireland; if due by the Post-Office Department of the United

**Payment of balances.**

States, the balance shall likewise be paid to the General Post-Office at London, to the credit of the General Post-Office of Tasmania.

If, pending the settlement of an account, one of the two Postal Administrations shall ascertain that it owes the other a balance exceeding five hundred pounds (£500) sterling, the indebted Administration shall promptly remit the approximate amount of such balance to the credit of the other.

Payments on account pending settlement.

This account shall be in accordance with the forms "D", "E", "F", and "G", annexed to this Convention.

Forms.

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 the present 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 foregoing), for the 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 of the other country.

ARTICLE 15.

This 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.

Commencement and duration.

Done in duplicate, and signed in Washington, on the twentieth day of November, in the year of our Lord, 1882, and in Hobart, on the fifth day of July, in the year of our Lord, 1882.

Concluded July 5, 1882; Nov. 20, 1882.

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

[Seal of the General Post-Office of Tasmania.]

TIMO. O. HOWE,  
*Postmaster General of the United States.*  
J. L. DODDS,  
*Postmaster General of Tasmania.*

Signatures.

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

CHESTER A. ARTHUR.

[Seal of the United States.]

By the President:

FREDK. T. FRELINGHUYSEN,  
*Secretary of State.*

WASHINGTON, November 20, 1882.

**A.**

**Value of United States order in English money.**

£	s.	d.
5	3	2

San Francisco, July 1, 1882.

**Value of Tasmania order in United States money.**

\$14	c. 25
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Hobart, July 1, 1882.

**B.**

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

Stamp of San Francisco office.
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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 Tasmania, 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,

\_\_\_\_\_  
*Postmaster, San Francisco.*

To the POSTMASTER,  
Money-Order Exchange Office,  
*Hobart.*



**B.**

MONEY-ORDER OFFICE,  
*Hobart*, ....., 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 Tasmania, 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,  
*San Francisco, Cal.*

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BALANCE.

To credit of Tasmania office.				To credit of United States office.			
	£	s.	d.		£	s.	d.
Amount of international orders issued in the } United States. }				Amount of international orders issued in } Tasmania. }			
Three-fourths of one per cent. on amount of } such issue. }				Three-fourths of one per cent. on amount } of such issue. }			
Amount of void orders of Tasmania issue, as } per table. }				Amount of void orders of United States issue, } as per table. }			
Amount of international orders repaid in Tas- } mania as per table. }				Amount of international orders repaid in the } United States, as per table. }			
Sums remitted by the office of Tasmania .....				Sums remitted by the office of the United } States. }			
Dates.	Amounts.			Dates.	Amounts.		
	£	s.	d.		£	s.	d.
Balance remaining due to the United States...				Balance remaining due to Tasmania.....			

The above account exhibits a balance of £ ..... remaining due to the ..... office.  
Hobart,  
....., 188....

[Signature of proper accounting officer of the Tasmania office.]

The above statement of account is accepted with a balance of £ ..... due to the ..... office.  
Washington,  
....., 188....

Auditor of the Treasury for the Post-Office Department.