

April 9, 1884
June 9, 1884.

Convention between the Governor of the colony of the Cape of Good Hope and the President of the United States of America concerning the exchange of Money-Orders.

Contracting parties.

The Governor of the Colony of the Cape of Good Hope and the President of the United States of America being desirous of establishing a system of exchange of Money-Orders between the two countries have agreed on behalf of their respective Governments to 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 Ten pounds, sterling, when issued in the Cape Colony, and when issued in the United States at the equivalent in sterling money of Fifty dollars 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 the fractional part of a penny, or of a cent.

Amount.

The amount of each order whether issued in the United States or in the Cape Colony 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 Cape Colony Post-Office Department shall have power to fix the rates of commission on all money-orders issued in the Cape Colony, 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 circumstances, 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 issued within the jurisdiction, but pay to the other country three-fourths of one per cent on the amount of such orders.

ARTICLE 4.

Service.

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, N. Y. and on the part of the Cape Colony, Cape Town.

Orders.

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.

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 the Cape Colony by the post-offices of 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 exchange office at Cape Town, accompanied by a list, in duplicate, drawn upon the model of Form 'B.'

Advices.

Form "A."

Form "B."

These advices on their arrival in Cape Town 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 the Cape Colony shall be sent to the exchange office at Cape Town, shall there be impressed with a dated stamp (Form 'A') showing the amount to be paid in the United States money and be despatched accompanied by a list in duplicate, (Form 'C') to the office of exchange at New York, N. Y., by next mail.

The advices on their receipt at New York shall be compared with the entries in the list, and afterwards despatched 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 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 June, and in like manner, the advices of orders issued in the Cape Colony in the month of June which may arrive at the exchange office at Cape Town 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 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.

ARTICLE 7.

The lists despatched from each office of exchange shall be numbered consecutively, commencing with number 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 sets.

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.

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

Irregularities.

Failure of lists. shall be afforded without delay. 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.

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 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 Cape Colony office shall therefore enter to the credit of the United States in the quarterly account, all money orders entered in the list 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 Cape Colony 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. At the close of each quarter an account shall be prepared at the General Post-Office, Cape Town, 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.

Payment of balances. 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 Cape Colony 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; and if due by the Post-Office Department of the United States shall likewise be paid to the General Post-Office at London to the credit of the Post-Office Department of the Cape Colony.

Adjustment of balances, etc. Provided always that in the event of the balances of the money-order transactions between the United Kingdom and the Cape Colony, and between the United Kingdom and the United States of America, respectively, being at any time against the United Kingdom, any balance

there may be in connection with the exchange of money-orders under the terms of this convention between the Cape Colony and the United States shall be adjusted through the Agent-General of the Cape Colony in London.

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

Payments on account pending settlement.
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. All such additional rules, however, must be promptly communicated to the Post-Office of the other country.

Additional rules.

ARTICLE 15.

This present Convention shall take effect on the first day of July 1884 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.

Given under my hand and the Public Seal of the colony of the Cape of Good Hope at Cape Town on the ninth day of April, one thousand, eight hundred and eighty-four.

[SEAL.]

HERCULES ROBINSON,
Governor.

Done in duplicate and signed in Washington on the ninth day of June, in the year of our Lord, 1884.

[SEAL.]

WALTER Q. GRESHAM,
Postmaster-General of the United States.

Signatures.

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

[SEAL.]

CHESTER A. ARTHUR.

By the President

FREDK. T. FRELINGHUYSEN,
Secretary of State.

WASHINGTON, June 10th, 1884.

Form 'A.'**Value of United States orders in English money:**

<i>£</i>	<i>s</i>	<i>d</i>
5	3	2

New York July 1st, 1884.

Value of Cape Colony orders in United States money:

\$14	c25
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Cape Town July 1st, 1884.

Form 'B.'

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 despatch (List No.) for orders payable in the Cape Colony amounting in the aggregate to £.....

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

I am, Sir, your obedient servant

To the POSTMASTER

Money Order Exchange Office, Cape Town

Postmaster New York

Form 'B.'

Blanks to be filled by the despatching Exchange Office of New York.										For use of General Post Office, Cape Town.						
Current number of International Order.	No. of Original Order.	Date of Original Order.	Office issuing Original Order.	Office where payable.		Payee.		Remitter.	Amount of order in United States money.		Amount of order in British money.			Date of payment.	Remarks.	
						Name.	Address.	Name.	\$	c.	p.	s.	d.			

Form 'B.'

MONEY-ORDER OFFICE,
Cape Town,, 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 Cape Colony, amounting in the aggregate to \$..... and which is to be paid in the net amount of £.....

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

I am, Sir, your obedient servant,

To the POSTMASTER
Money-Order Exchange Office
New York, N. Y.

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List No.

Form 'C.'

*A list of money orders issued in the Cape Colony and payable in the United States despatched this day
of 188..*

Date of arrival in New York..... 188..

Blanks to be filled up by the despatching exchange office Cape Town.												Space for use of New York office.											
Current number of International Order.		Number of Original Money-Order.		Date of Original Order.		Office of Issue.		Full name of Remitter.		Address of Remitter.		Full name of Payee.		Address of Payee.		Amounts received in the Cape Colony.		Value of order in United States money.		Office of payment.			
										Place of Residence.		Division.				Place of Residence.		County.		State.			
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Form 'D.'

Account of the Exchange of Money-Orders between the Cape Colony and the United States during the quarter ended..... 188..

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Form 'E.'

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

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