

Convention between the Post-Office Department of the United States of America, and the Post-Offices of the several Islands at present constituting the Government-in-Chief of the Windward Islands, consisting of the Islands of Barbadoes, Grenada, St. Vincent, Tobago and St. Lucia, concerning an exchange of Money-Orders. July 2, 1884.

The Post-Office Department of the United States of America, and the Post-Offices of the several Islands at present constituting the Government-in-Chief of the Windward Islands, consisting of the islands of Barbadoes, Grenada, St. Vincent, Tobago and St. Lucia, being desirous of establishing a system of exchange of money-orders between the several countries, the undersigned duly authorized for that purpose have agreed upon the following articles: Contracting parties.

ARTICLE 1.

There shall be a regular exchange of money-orders between the United States and each of the several Windward Islands. Exchange of postal money-orders.

The maximum of each order is fixed at ten pounds sterling when issued in any of the Windward Islands; and when issued in the United States, at fifty dollars in the money of the latter country.

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

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 of the money in the issuing country must also be shewn in figures, at the rate of conversion fixed by Article 13 of the present Convention.

ARTICLE 2.

The several Post-Offices of the Windward Islands shall, each for the Island of which it is Post-Office, have power to fix the rates of commission on all money-orders issued in such Island 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. Commissions.

The Post-Office of the United States shall communicate from time to time to the Post-Office of Barbadoes its tariff of charges or rates of commission, which shall be established under this Convention and the Post-Office of Barbadoes shall communicate from time to time to the Post Office of the United States the tariff of charges or rates of commission, which shall be established by the several Windward Islands under this Convention, and these rates shall in all cases be payable in advance by the remitters and shall not be re-payable.

It is understood moreover that the Post-Office of any of the several countries 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. Suspension of issue.

ARTICLE 3.

Every country included in this Convention shall keep the commission charged on all money-orders issued within its jurisdiction, but shall pay Accounting for commissions.

to the country to which such money-orders are sent, three-fourths 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 United States on the one part and the several Windward Islands on the other part, 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 several Windward Islands, the Office of Exchange shall be Bridgetown, Barbadoes.

Money-order offices; orders, &c., on.

Orders shall be drawn only on the authorized money-order offices of the respective countries included in this Convention, and the Postal Administration of the United States shall furnish to the Post-Office of Barbadoes a list of such offices in the United States, and shall from time to time notify any addition to, or change in such list, and the Post-Office of Barbadoes shall furnish the Post-Office of the United States with a list of such offices in the several Windward Islands, and shall from time to time notify any addition to, or change in such list.

Address

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.

Expense of remittance.

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

ARTICLE 6.

Form "A."

The advices of all money-orders issued upon any of the Windward Islands 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 Bridgetown accompanied by a list in duplicate drawn upon the model of Form "A."

Form "B."

The advices on their arrival at Bridgetown 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 any of the Windward Islands shall be sent to the Exchange Office at Bridgetown, 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.

Advices.

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

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 any of the Windward Islands in the month of June which may arrive at the Exchange Office at Bridgetown 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.

Moneys of both countries

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.

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.

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.

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 exchange office 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.

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.

ARTICLE 8.

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.

Duplicate orders.

ARTICLE 9.

The orders issued by the United States on any of the Windward Islands or by any of the Windward Islands on the United States shall be subject as regards payment to the regulations which govern the payment of money-orders in the country on which they were drawn.

Regulations governing payment.

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

Paid orders.

ARTICLE 10.

Repayment of orders to remitters shall not be made until an authorization for such payment 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.

Repayment of orders.

ARTICLE 11.

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.

Orders void, when.

The Bridgetown 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.)

Unpaid orders.

On the other hand the Post-Office Department of the United States shall at the close of each month transmit to the Bridgetown office for entry in the quarterly account, a detailed statement of all orders in-

Quarterly accounts.

cluded in the lists despatched from the latter office, which under this Article become void.

ARTICLE 12.

Accounting and
payment of bal-
ances.

At the close of each quarter an account shall be prepared at the Post-Office of Bridgetown showing in detail the totals of the lists containing the particulars of orders issued in the United States on the one part and in the several Windward Islands on the other part, 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 Post-Office Department of the United States be paid at Bridgetown, but if due by the Post-Office of Barbadoes, it shall be paid at New York, and in the money of the country to which the payment is made.

Payments may be made in money or by drafts, or by bills of exchange, on points other than Bridgetown and New York, by mutual agreement, between the Post-Office Departments of the United States and Barbadoes.

Payments on ac-
count in advance,
where made.

If pending the settlement of an account, either the United States Post-Office on the one part, or the Post-Office of Barbadoes on the other part, shall ascertain that the one owes the other a balance exceeding five thousand dollars 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 at discretion.

Forms.

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.

Equivalent of
the English pound
sterling in value.

Until the Postal Administrations of the United States and the several Windward Islands 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.

ARTICLE 14.

Additional rules.

The Postal Administration in every country included in this Convention shall be authorized to adopt any additional rules (if not repugnant to the foregoing) for greater security against fraud, or for the better working of the system generally.

All such additional rules however must, if adopted by the United States, be promptly communicated to the Post-Office Department of Barbadoes, and if adopted by any of the Windward Islands be promptly communicated to the Post-Office Department of the United States by the Post-Office Department of Barbadoes.

ARTICLE 15.

Duration.

This present Convention shall take effect on the first day of October one thousand eight hundred and eighty-four 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.

Done in duplicate and signed in Washington on the second day of

July, in the year of our Lord 1884; and in Bridgetown on the 24th day of April in the year of our Lord 1884.

[SEAL.]

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

Signatures.

[SEAL.]

WILLIAM ROBINSON,
Governor-in-Chief of the Windward Islands.

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.

By the President.

[SEAL.] FREDK. T. FRELINGHUYSEN,
Secretary of State.

WASHINGTON, *July 11th, 1884.*

A.

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 despatch, (List No. ———), for orders payable in the Windward Islands, 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,

To the POSTMASTER OF BARBADOES,
Bridgetown.

Postmaster, New York.

D.

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

Issued in the Windward Islands.						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.												
			\$	c.	£	s.	d.				\$	c.	£	s.	d.								

F.

BALANCE.

To credit of Barbadoes Office.				To credit of United States Office.	
	£	s.	d.	\$	c.
Amount of international orders issued in the United States				Amount of international orders issued in Barbadoes, &c	
½ of one per cent. on amount of such issues				½ of one per cent. on amount of such issues	
	£	s.	d.		\$
Deduct amount of void orders of U. S. issue as per table				Deduct amount of void orders of Barbadoes, &c., issue, as per table	c.
Deduct amount of international orders repaid in U. S., as per table				Deduct amount of international orders repaid in Barbadoes, &c., as per table	
Total deduction				Total deduction	
United States credit converted at \$4.87 to the pound to be deducted				Barbadoes credit converted at \$4.87 to the pound, to be deducted	
Balance to credit of Barbadoes Office				Balance to credit of U. S. Office	
	£	s.	d.		\$
Paid on account by the Office of the United States				Paid on account by the Office of Barbadoes	c.
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.

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Postmaster of Barbadoes.

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.

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

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F.

No....

GENERAL POST OFFICE, BARBADOES,
Bridgetown,.....188

Sir,—The lists of International Money-Orders which the Bridgetown 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 Bridgetown Office during the same period amount to £....., equivalent to..... \$.....

Difference \$.....

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

.....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 forms

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Postmaster of Barbadoes.

To the POSTMASTER GENERAL OF THE UNITED STATES, *Washington.*

G.

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 at Bridgetown from to 188 , amount to the sum of £
 The Lists transmitted by the Exchange Office at Bridgetown 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.

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Superintendent Money Order System.

To the POSTMASTER OF BRIDGETOWN, BARRADOES.