

December 19, 1888. *Parcels Post Convention between the United States of America and the Hawaiian Kingdom.*

Preamble.

For the purpose of making better postal arrangements between the United States of America and the Hawaiian Kingdom, the undersigned, Don M. Dickinson, Postmaster-General of the United States of America, and H. A. P. Carter, Envoy Extraordinary and Minister Plenipotentiary of the Hawaiian Kingdom at Washington, by virtue of authority vested in them by law, have agreed upon the following articles for the establishment of a parcels post system of exchanges between the two countries.

ARTICLE I.

Extent of convention.

The provisions of this Convention relate only to parcels of mail matter to be exchanged by the system herein provided for, and do not affect the arrangements now existing under the Universal Postal Union Convention, which will continue as heretofore; and all the agreements hereinafter contained apply exclusively to mails exchanged under these articles, *directly* between the office of San Francisco, in the State of California, and such other offices within the United States as may be hereafter designated by the Postmaster-General of the United States, and the office of Honolulu, in the Island of Oahu, and such other offices within the Hawaiian Islands as may be hereafter designated by the Postmaster-General of the Hawaiian Kingdom; such matter to be admitted to the mails under these articles as shall be sent through such exchange offices from any place in either country to any place in the other.

ARTICLE II.

Articles admitted to the mails.

1. There shall be admitted to the mails exchanged under this Convention, articles of merchandise and mail matter, except letters, post cards, and written matter, of all kinds, that are admitted under any conditions to the domestic mails of the country of origin, except that no packet must exceed 5 kilograms or 11 pounds in weight, nor the following dimensions: Greatest length, three feet six inches; greatest length and girth combined, six feet; and must be so wrapped or inclosed as to permit their contents to be easily examined by postmasters and customs officers; and except that the following articles are prohibited:

Articles prohibited.

Publications which violate the copyright laws of the country of destination; poisons, and explosive or inflammable substances; fatty substances, liquids, and those which easily liquify, confections and pastes; live or dead animals, except dead insects and reptiles when thoroughly dried; fruits and vegetables, and substances which exhale a bad odor; lottery tickets, lottery advertisements, or lottery circulars; all obscene or immoral articles; articles which may in any way damage or destroy the mails, or injure the persons handling them; also opium.

Freedom from detention.

2. All admissible articles of merchandise mailed in one country for the other, or received in one country from the other, shall be free from any detention or inspection whatever, except such as is

required for collection of customs duties, and shall be forwarded by the most speedy means to their destination, being subject in their transmission to the laws and regulations of each country respectively.

ARTICLE III.

1. A letter or communication of the nature of personal correspondence must not accompany, be written on, or enclosed with any parcel. Letters accompanying parcels.

2. If such be found, the letter will be placed in the mails if separable, and if inseparably attached, the whole package will be rejected. If, however, any such should inadvertently be forwarded, the country of destination will collect double rates of postage according to the Universal Postal Union Convention.

3. No parcel may contain parcels intended for delivery at an address other than the one borne by the parcel itself. If such enclosed parcels be detected, they must be sent forward singly, charged with new and distinct parcel post rates. Address.

ARTICLE IV.

1. The following rates of postage shall in all cases be required to be fully prepaid with postage stamps of the country of origin, viz: Rate of postage.

2. For a parcel not exceeding four hundred and sixty grams or one pound in weight, twelve cents; and for each additional four hundred and sixty grams or one pound, or fraction thereof, twelve cents.

3. The packages shall be promptly delivered to addressees at the post offices of address in the country of destination, free of charge for postage; but the country of destination may at its option, levy and collect from the addressee for interior service and delivery a charge not exceeding five cents on each single parcel of whatever weight; and if the weight exceeds four hundred and sixty grams or one pound, a charge equal to one cent for each one hundred and fifteen grams or four ounces, of weight, or fraction thereof. Delivery.

ARTICLE V.

1. The sender will, at the time of mailing the package, receive a receipt of mailing from the post office where the package is mailed, on a form like Model I annexed hereto. Receipt.

2. The sender of a package may have the same registered by paying the registration fee required for registered articles in the country of origin. Registry.

3. An acknowledgment of the delivery of a registered article shall be returned to the sender when requested; but either country may require of the sender prepayment of a fee therefor not exceeding five cents. Return receipt.

4. The addressees of registered articles shall be advised of the arrival of a package addressed to them, by a notice from the post office of destination. Notice to addressee.

ARTICLE VI.

1. The sender of each package shall make a Customs Declaration, pasted upon or attached to the package, upon a special Form provided for the purpose (see Model 2 annexed hereto) giving a general description of the parcel, an accurate statement of the contents and value, date of mailing, and the sender's signature and place of residence, and place of address. Customs declaration.

2. The packages in question shall be subject in the country of destination to all customs duties and all customs regulations in force in that country for the protection of its Customs Revenues; and the Collection of duties.

customs duties properly chargeable thereon shall be collected on delivery, in accordance with the customs regulations of the country of destination.

ARTICLE VII.

Fees to be retained. Each country shall retain to its own use, the whole of the postages, registration and delivery fees, it collects on said packages; consequently, this Convention will give rise to no separate accounts between the two countries.

ARTICLE VIII.

Transportation. 1. The packages shall be considered as a component part of the mails exchanged direct between the United States of America and the Hawaiian Kingdom, to be despatched by the country of origin to the other at its cost and by such means as it provides, in boxes prepared expressly for the purpose, or ordinary mail sacks, to be marked "Parcels Post," and to be securely sealed with wax or otherwise, as may be mutually provided by regulations hereunder.

Return of bags, etc. 2. Each country shall return to the despatching office by next mail all bags, boxes or sacks used in the exchange of parcels.

Packing. 3. Although articles admitted under this Convention will be transmitted as aforesaid between the exchange offices, they should be so carefully packed as to be safely transmitted in the open mails of either country, both in going to the exchange office in the country of origin and to the office of address in the country of destination.

Way bill. 4. Each despatch of a parcel post mail must be accompanied by a descriptive list in duplicate, of all the packages sent, showing distinctly the list number of each parcel, the name of the sender, the name of the addressee, with address of destination; and must be enclosed in one of the boxes or sacks of such despatch under the Form of Model 3, annexed hereto.

ARTICLE IX.

Exchange offices. Exchanges of mails under this Convention from any place in either country to any place in the other, shall be effected through the post offices of both countries already designated as Exchange Post Offices, or through such others as may be hereafter agreed upon, under such regulations relative to the details of the exchanges, as may be mutually determined to be essential to the security and expedition of the mails and the protection of the Customs Revenues.

ARTICLE X.

Receipt of mails. 1. As soon as the mail shall have reached the exchange office of destination, that office shall check the contents of the mails.

Parcel bill. 2. In the event of the Parcel Bill not having been received, a substitute should at once be prepared.

Errors. 3. Any errors in the entries on the Parcel Bill which may be discovered, shall, after verification by a second officer, be corrected and noted for report to the despatching office on a Form, "Verification Certificate," which shall be sent in the special envelope.

Non receipt of parcels. 4. If a parcel advised on the bill be not received, after the non-receipt has been verified by a second officer the entry on the bill should be canceled and the fact reported at once.

Damaged parcel. 5. Should a parcel be received in a damaged or imperfect condition, full particulars shall be reported on the same form.

Correct mail. 6. If no Verification Certificate or note of error be received, a parcel mail shall be considered as duly delivered, having been found on examination correct in all respects.

ARTICLE XI.

If a package cannot be delivered as addressed, or is refused, the sender will be communicated with through the central administration of the office of destination, as to the manner in which he desires the package to be disposed of, and if no reply is received from him within a period of three months from the date of the notice, the package may be sold for the benefit of whom it may concern.

Failure to deliver.

An order for redirection or reforwarding must be accompanied by the amount due for postage necessary for the return of the article to the office of origin, at the ordinary parcel rates.

Redirection.

When the contents of a parcel which cannot be delivered are liable to deterioration or corruption, they may be destroyed at once, if necessary, or if expedient, sold, without previous notice or judicial formality, for the benefit of the right person, the particulars of each sale being noticed by one post office to the other.

Disposal of matter undelivered.

ARTICLE XII.

The Post Office Department of either of the contracting countries will not be responsible for the loss or damage of any package, and no indemnity can consequently be claimed by the sender or addressee in either country.

No responsibility for loss or damages.

ARTICLE XIII.

The Postmaster General of the United States of America, and the Postmaster General of the Hawaiian Kingdom, shall have authority to jointly make such further regulations of order and detail, as may be found necessary to carry out the present Convention from time to time; and may by agreement prescribe conditions for the admission to the mails of any of the articles prohibited by Article II of this Convention.

Further regulations.

ARTICLE XIV.

This Convention shall be ratified by the contracting countries in accordance with their respective laws, and its ratifications shall be exchanged at the City of Washington as early as possible. Once ratified, and its ratifications exchanged, it shall take effect, and operations thereunder shall begin on the 1st day of March, 1889, and shall continue in force until terminated by mutual agreement, but may be annulled at the desire of either Department, upon six months previous notice given to the other.

Ratification.

Effect.

Done in duplicate, and signed at Washington the 19th day of December, one thousand eight hundred and eighty-eight.

[L. S.]

DON M. DICKINSON,

Signatures.

Postmaster-General of the United States of America.

[L. S.]

H. A. P. CARTER,

Envoy Extraordinary and Minister Plenipotentiary of the Hawaiian Kingdom.

The foregoing Parcels Post Convention between the United States of America and the Hawaiian Kingdom, has been negotiated and concluded with my advice and consent, and is hereby approved and ratified.

Approval.

In testimony whereof I have caused the Great Seal of the United States to be hereunto affixed.

[SEAL.]

GROVER CLEVELAND.

By the President:

T. F. BAYARD,

Secretary of State.

WASHINGTON, D. C., January 29, 1889.

The foregoing Parcels Post Convention between the Hawaiian Kingdom and the United States of America has been negotiated and concluded with my advice and consent, and is hereby approved and ratified.

In testimony whereof I have caused the Great Seal of the Hawaiian Kingdom to be hereunto affixed.

[SEAL.]

KALAKAUA REX.

By the King :

JONA. AUSTIN.

Minister of Foreign Affairs.

HONOLULU, *January 10, 1889.*

FORM No. 1.

Parcel Post.

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| A parcel addressed as under has been posted here this day. | |
| <div style="border: 1px solid black; padding: 10px; width: 150px; height: 100px; display: flex; align-items: center; justify-content: center;">Office stamp.</div> | <div style="border-top: 1px dotted black; border-bottom: 1px dotted black; height: 40px;"></div> |
| This certificate is given to inform the sender of the posting of a parcel, and does not indicate that any liability in respect of such parcel attaches to the Postmaster-General. | |

FORM No. 2.

Parcel post between the United States and Hawaii.

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| Date. Stamp. | FORM OF CUSTOMS DECLARATION. | | | Place to which the parcel is addressed. |
| Description of parcel: [State whether box, basket, bag, etc.] | Contents. | Value. | Per cent. | Total customs charges. |
| | | \$ | | \$ |
| Total. | | \$ | | \$ |

Date of posting :....., 18..; signature and address of sender {
For use of Post-Office only, and to be filled up at the office of exchange.
Parcel Bill No.; No. of rates prepaid ..; Entry No.

FORM NO. 3.

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| Date stamp of the United States Post- Office. | <i>Parcels from the United States for Hawaii.</i> | Date stamp of the Hawaiian Post-Office. |
| | Parcel Bill No., dated..... 18.; by "S.S." | |
| *Sheet No. | | |

| Entry No. | Origin of parcel. | Name of addressee. | Address of parcel. | Remarks. |
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When more than one sheet is required for the entry of the parcels sent by the mail, it will be sufficient if the undermentioned particulars are entered on the last sheet of the Parcel Bill.

lbs.

*Total number of parcels sent by the mail *Total weight of mail.....

to Hawaii.....

*Number of boxes or other receptacles *Deduct weight of receptacles.....

forming the mail

Signature of dispatching officer at the United *Net weight of parcels.....

States Post-Office

Signature of receiving officer at Hawaiian Post Office.

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The undersigned, Don M. Dickinson, Postmaster General of the United States of America, and H. A. P. Carter, Envoy Extraordinary and Minister Plenipotentiary of the Hawaiian Kingdom at Washington, having met together in the Post Office Department for the purpose of exchanging the ratifications of the Parcels Post Convention concluded between the United States of America, and the Hawaiian Kingdom, and signed at Washington on the 19th day of December 1888, and having carefully compared the ratifications of said convention, and found them exactly conformable to each other, the exchange took place this day in the usual form.

In witness whereof they have signed the present protocol of exchange, and have affixed thereto the seals of their arms.

Done at Washington this thirtieth day of January, one thousand eight hundred and eighty nine.

[Seal of Post Office Dep. of U. S.] DON M. DICKINSON,
Postmaster General of the United States of America.

[Seal of Hawaiian Legation.] H. A. P. CARTER,
Envoy Extraordinary and Minister Plenipotentiary
of the Hawaiian Kingdom.

Exchange of ratifications.