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Convention between the Colony of the Transvaal and the United States of America concerning the exchange of Money Orders.

Preamble.

The Postmaster General of the Colony of the Transvaal and the Postmaster General 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.

Exchange of money orders.

1. There shall be a regular exchange of Money Orders between the two countries.

Maximum amount.

2. The maximum of each order is fixed at ten pounds, sterling, when issued in the Transvaal, and when issued in the United States at the equivalent in sterling money of one hundred dollars in the money of the latter country, converted at the rate fixed by article 13 of the present Convention.

3. No Money Order shall include the fractional part of a penny, or of a cent.

To be expressed in British money.

4. The amount of each order, whether issued in the United States or in the Transvaal 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.

Rates of fees.

1. The Transvaal Post Office Department shall have power to fix the rates of commission on all Money Orders issued in the Transvaal, 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.

Fees payable in advance.

2. 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.

Temporary suspension of money orders.

3. It is understood, moreover, that each administration 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.

Fees to be retained.

Each country shall keep the commission charged on all Money Orders issued within its jurisdiction.

ARTICLE 4.

Offices of exchange.

1. 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 Transvaal, Johannesburg.

2. 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.

List of offices.

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 address of each. The Money Orders issued in either country shall be forwarded by the remitters to the payees at their own expense.

Names and address.

ARTICLE 6.

1. The advices of all Money Orders issued upon the Transvaal 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 Johannesburg, accompanied by a list, in duplicate, drawn upon the model of Form 'B.'

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Duplicates, etc.

2. These advices on their arrival in Johannesburg shall be compared with the entries in the list and, afterwards, dispatched to the paying offices. In like manner the advices of Money Orders drawn on the United States by Postmasters in the Colony of the Transvaal shall be sent to the exchange office at Johannesburg, 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 New York, N. Y., by next mail.

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3. The advices on their receipt at New York shall be compared with the entries in the list, and afterwards dispatched to the paying offices.

4. 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.

Certification of orders.

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ARTICLE 7.

1. The lists dispatched from each office of exchange shall be numbered consecutively, and the entries in these lists shall, also, have consecutive numbers, commencing at the beginning of the month of July in each year.

Lists to be numbered.

2. 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.

Return of duplicates.

3. 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.

Correction of errors.

4. 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 dispatching exchange office, and such explanation

Explanation.

shall be afforded without delay. 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.

Orders subject to regulations governing domestic orders.

1. The orders issued by each country on the other shall be subject, as regards payment, to the regulations which govern the payment of inland (domestic) orders of the country on which they were drawn.

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

ARTICLE 10.

Repayment.

1. 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.)

2. It is the province of each postal administration to determine the manner in which repayment to the remitters is to be made.

ARTICLE 11.

Orders not paid within twelve months void, etc.

1. 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.

2. The Transvaal administration 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.)

3. On the other hand, the Post Office Department of the United States shall, at the close of each month, transmit to the postal administration of the Transvaal 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.

Quarterly accounts.

1. At the close of each quarter an account shall be prepared at the General Post Office, Johannesburg, 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.

2. Two 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 Transvaal 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 Transvaal.

Remittance of balance.

3. If pending the settlement of an account one of the two postal administrations shall ascertain that it owes the other a balance exceed-

ing 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.

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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 and eighty-seven cents of the money of the United States.

Rate of conversion.

ARTICLE 14.

The postal administration in each country shall be authorized to adopt any additional rules (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 postal administration of the other country.

Additional rules.

ARTICLE 15.

This present Convention shall take effect on the first day of July, 1903, 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.

Duration of convention.

In witness whereof the respective duly authorized representatives have signed the above articles, and have hereunto affixed their seals.

Signatures.

Done in duplicate at the city of Johannesburg, this thirteenth day of June, 1903, and at the city of Washington, U. S. A., this twenty-eighth day of April, 1903.

J. I. FRANK BROWN,
Postmaster General of the Transvaal.
H. C. PAYNE,
Postmaster General of the United States.

FORM 'A.'

Form A.

Value of United States orders in English money:

£	s	d
5	3	2

New York, 190....

Value of Transvaal orders in United States money:

\$	c
14	25

Johannesburg, 190....

FORM 'B.'

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 dispatch (List No.) for orders payable in the Transvaal 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,

.....
Postmaster New York.

To the POSTMASTER.

*Money Order Exchange Office,
Johannesburg.*

FORM "E."

Form E.

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

Issued in the Transvaal.				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.
			£ s. d. \$ c.				\$ c. £ s. d.
To the credit of the Transvaal.				To the credit of the United States.			

FORM "F."

Form F.

Table showing the particulars of such Orders as have become void.

Issued in the Transvaal.				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.
			£ s. d. \$ c.				\$ c. £ s. d.
To the credit of the Transvaal.				To the credit of the United States.			

FORM "G."

Form G.

BALANCE.

To the credit of the Transvaal.		To the credit of the United States.	
Amount of Orders issued in the United States		Amount of Orders issued in the Transvaal	
Amount of void Orders of Transvaal issue as per table		Amount of void Orders of the United States issue as per table	
Amount of Orders repaid in the Transvaal as per table		Amount of Orders repaid in the United States as per table	
Sums remitted by the Transvaal administration		Sums remitted by the United States administration	
Dates. Amounts.		Dates. Amounts.	
Balance remaining due to the United States		Balance remaining due to the Transvaal	

The above account exhibits a balance of £..... remaining due to the office, Johannesburg,, 190....

Signature of proper accounting officer of the Transvaal.

The above statement of account is accepted with a balance of £..... due to the office, Washington,, 190....

Auditor for the Post Office Department.