

Convention for the Amelioration of the Postal Intercours between the United States of America and the Swiss Confederation.

The post department of the United States, by its special commissioner, John A. Kasson, esq., and the federal council of the Swiss Confederation, by Dr. Jaques Duba, vice-president of the federal council and chief of the federal post department, have agreed upon the following articles, subject to ratification by the respective authorities of the two countries:

October 11, 1867.
Contracting parties.

ARTICLE I. There shall be an exchange of correspondence between the United States of America and the Swiss Confederation by means of their respective post departments, and this correspondence shall embrace:

Correspondence to be exchanged; to embrace what.

1. Letters, ordinary and registered.

2. Newspapers, book-packets, prints of all kinds (comprising maps, plans, engravings, drawings, photographs, lithographs, and all other like productions of mechanical processes), sheets of music, &c., and patterns or samples of merchandise, including grains and seeds.

Such correspondence may be exchanged, whether originating in either of said countries and destined for the other, or originating in or destined for foreign countries, to which these may respectively serve as intermediaries.

ARTICLE II. The offices for exchange of mails shall be, on the part of the United States: New York.

Offices for exchange of mails.

On the part of the Swiss Confederation:

(a.) Basle.

(b.) Geneva (when the Swiss Confederation shall find it expedient).

The two offices, by agreement, may at any time establish additional offices of exchange.

ARTICLE III. The principle is agreed, that each office shall make its own arrangements for the despatch of its mails to the other office by regular lines of communication, and shall at its own cost pay the expense of such intermediate transportation. It is also agreed that the cost of international ocean and territorial transit of the closed mails between the frontiers of the two countries shall be first defrayed by that one of the two departments which shall have obtained from the intermediaries the most favorable pecuniary terms for such conveyance, and which shall effect such transport in that case in both directions; and any amount so advanced by one for account of the other shall be promptly reimbursed.

Arrangements for despatch of mails, &c.

Cost of transportation.

ARTICLE IV. The standard weight for the single rate of international postage, and rule of progression, shall be:

Weight for single rate of international postage.

1. For letters, fifteen grammes.

2. For all other correspondence, mentioned in the second paragraph of the first article, that which the despatching office shall adopt for the mails which it despatches to the other, adapted to the convenience and habits of the interior administration. But each office shall give notice to the other of the standard weight it adopts, and of any subsequent change thereof. The rule of progression shall always be an additional single rate for each additional standard weight, or fraction thereof.

The weight stated by the despatching office shall always be accepted except in case of manifest mistake.

ARTICLE V. The single rate of postage on the direct correspondence exchanged between the two administrations, subject to the reserve mentioned in Article VII., shall be as follows:

Rates of postage.

1. On letters from the United States, 15 cents.

Rates of postage.

2. On letters from the Swiss Confederation, 80 centimes.
3. On all other correspondence mentioned in the second paragraph of the first article, the rate shall be, for the mails despatched, that which the despatching office shall adopt, adapted to the convenience and habits of its interior administration. But each office shall give notice to the other of the rate it adopts, and of any subsequent change thereof.

Prepayment optional on ordinary letters; when required.

ARTICLE VI. The prepayment of postage on ordinary letters shall be optional, subject to the conditions in Article VII. mentioned, but on registered letters, and on all other correspondence mentioned in paragraph second of the first article, it shall be obligatory.

Proceedings when postages are unpaid or are insufficiently paid.

ARTICLE VII. If, however, the postage of any correspondence shall be prepaid insufficiently, it shall nevertheless be forwarded to its destination, charged with the deficient postage, adding full amounts, instead of fractions, of 1 cent or 5 centimes.

Upon the delivery of any unpaid, or insufficiently paid letter, or of any other insufficiently paid correspondence, there shall be levied a fine in the United States not exceeding five cents, and in Switzerland not exceeding 25 centimes. This fine, and also the deficient postage on all other correspondence than letters, shall not enter into accounts between the two offices, but shall be retained to the use of the collecting office.

Registered correspondence.

ARTICLE VIII. Registered correspondence shall, in addition to the postage, be subject to a register-fee not exceeding ten cents in the United States, and not exceeding fifty centimes in Switzerland, and this fee shall always be prepaid.

What may be registered.

ARTICLE IX. Any correspondence may be registered, as well international correspondence as that originating in or destined for other countries to which these two administrations may respectfully serve as intermediaries in either direction for the transmission of such registered articles. Each department shall notify the other of the countries to which it may thus serve as intermediary.

Basis for settlement of accounts.

ARTICLE X. Accounts between the two offices shall be regulated on the following basis: From the total amount of postages and register-fees collected by each office on letters, added to the total amount of prepaid postages and register-fees on other correspondence which it despatches, the despatching office shall deduct the amount required as the agreed rate for the cost of intermediate transit thereof between the two frontiers, and the amount of the two net sums shall be divided between the two offices in the proportion of three-fifths ($\frac{3}{5}$) to the United States office and two-fifths ($\frac{2}{5}$) to the Swiss Office.

Regulations for despatch of correspondence.

ARTICLE XI. The correspondence mentioned in the second paragraph of the first article shall be despatched under regulations to be established by the despatching office, but always including the following:

First. No packet shall contain anything which shall be closed against inspection; nor any written communication whatever, except to state to whom and from whom the packet is sent; and the numbers and prices placed upon patterns or samples of merchandise.

Second. No packet may exceed two feet in length, or one foot in any other dimension, or the equivalent in Swiss measurement.

Third. Neither office shall be bound to deliver any article the importation of which may be prohibited by the laws or regulations of the country of destination.

Fourth. So long as any customs-duty may be chargeable on any article exchanged in the mails, such duty may be levied for the use of the customs.

Fifth. Except as above, no charge whatever, otherwise than as herein expressly provided, shall be levied or collected on the correspondence exchanged.

Exchange of correspondence by open mails.

ARTICLE XII. The two post departments shall establish, by agreement, and in conformity with the arrangements in force at the time, the

conditions upon which the two offices may respectively exchange, in open mails, the correspondence originating in, or destined to, the other foreign countries to which they may reciprocally serve as intermediaries. It is always understood, however, that such correspondence shall only be charged with the rate applicable to direct international correspondence, augmented by the postage due to foreign countries, and by any other tax for exterior service.

ARTICLE XIII. Each office accords to the other the privilege of transit of closed mails exchanged, in either direction, between the latter and any country to which the other may serve as an intermediary, by its usual means of mail transportation, whether on sea or land. Such transit across its own territory shall be reciprocally free of expense.

Transit of closed mails through other country.

For such transit by sea the United States office shall receive as follows:—

1. For transit across the waters of the Atlantic Ocean:
 - a. For letters, 8 cents per single letter rate.
 - b. For other correspondence, 12 cents per kilogramme, net.

Rates.

2. For transit across the waters of the Pacific Ocean:
 - a. For letters, 10 cents per single letter rate.
 - b. For other correspondence, 20 cents per kilogramme, net.

For such transit by sea the Swiss office shall receive as follows: For transit across the waters of the Atlantic Ocean:

- a. For letters, 8 cents per single letter rate.
- b. For other correspondence, 12 cents per kilogramme, net.

For intermediate territorial transit each office shall receive the amount it actually disburses for such transit.

ARTICLE XIV. The postal accounts between the two offices shall be stated quarterly, and transmitted and verified as speedily as practicable, and the balance found due shall be paid to the creditor office either by exchange on London or Paris, or at the debtor office, as the creditor office may desire.

Postal accounts, when to be stated, &c.

The rate for the conversion of the money of the two countries shall be fixed by common agreement between the two offices.

ARTICLE XV. When, in any port of either country, a closed mail is transferred from one vessel to another without any expense to the office of the country where the transfer is made, such transfer shall not be subject to any postal charge by one office against the other.

Transfer of closed mails without expense.

ARTICLE XVI. Official communications between the two offices shall not be the occasion of any accounts on either side.

Official communications.

ARTICLE XVII. Letters wrongly sent or wrongly addressed, or not deliverable for whatever cause, shall be returned to the originating office, at its expense, if any expense is incurred. Registered correspondence of all kinds, not deliverable for any cause, shall also be returned in like manner. All other correspondence which cannot be delivered shall remain at the disposition of the receiving office.

Miscellaneous letters, &c.

Any postages, upon correspondence returned, which shall have been charged against the office of destination, shall be discharged from the account.

ARTICLE XVIII. The two offices shall, by mutual consent, establish detailed regulations for carrying these articles into execution, and they may modify such regulations, in like manner, from time to time, as the exigencies of the service may require.

Detailed regulations.

ARTICLE XIX. This convention shall take effect at a time to be fixed by common accord of the two administrations, and shall continue in force until terminated by mutual agreement or otherwise, until one year from the date when one office shall have notified the other of its desire to terminate it.

When this convention to take effect.

Executed in duplicate at Berne, this eleventh day of October, A. D. 1867.

[SEAL.]

JOHN A. KASSON,
Special Commissioner, &c., &c.,
DR. J. DUBS.

[SEAL.]

POST-OFFICE DEPARTMENT,
Washington, November 12, 1867.

Approved by
the Postmaster-
General;

Having examined and considered the foregoing articles of a convention for the amelioration of the postal intercourse between the United States of America and the Swiss Confederation, which were agreed upon and executed in duplicate at Berne on the eleventh day of October, one thousand eight hundred and sixty-seven, by Hon. John A. Kasson, special commissioner, &c., &c. on behalf of this department, and by Dr. Jaques Duba, vice-president of the federal council and chief of the federal post department, on behalf of the federal council of the Swiss Confederation, the same are by me hereby ratified and approved, by and with the advice and consent of the President of the United States.

In witness whereof, I have caused the seal of the Post Office Department to be hereto affixed, with my signature, the day and year first above written.

[L. S.]

ALEX. W. RANDALL,
Postmaster-General.

by the Pres-
ident of the
United States.

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

[L. S.]

By the President:

ANDREW JOHNSON.

WILLIAM H. SEWARD, *Secretary of State.*

WASHINGTON, November 12, 1867.

REGULATIONS

Agreed upon between the Post-Office Department of the United States of America and the Postal Administration of Switzerland for the Execution of the Convention for the Exchange of Postal Correspondence, signed the 11th October, 1867, and in Accordance with the Provisions of Article XVIII. of said Convention.

November 28, 1867.

ARTICLE I. The exchange office of New York shall make up mails for the Swiss exchange office of Basle. Exchange offices.

The latter shall make up mails for the exchange office of New York.

ARTICLE II. Each mail exchanged between the respective offices shall be accompanied by a letter bill showing the postages and the charges of transit, the fees, etc., accruing to each office upon the different kinds of correspondence. Letter bills

The form of this letter bill shall follow the models A and B hereto annexed, and they shall be consecutively numbered by the despatching office during each calendar year. Forms. Post, pp. 1038, 1040.

The receiving office shall acknowledge its receipt by return despatch.

ARTICLE III. The exchange offices shall divide the correspondence which they despatch into a suitable number of separate packages, according to the letter bill. Separate packages.

Each of these packages shall bear the proper etiquette and number corresponding to the letter bill.

ARTICLE IV. When more than a single rate is chargeable upon any letter or other article, the number of rates to which it is subject shall be indicated, by the despatching office, by a figure in the upper left corner of the address. Number of rates how indicated, if more than one.

ARTICLE V. Registered correspondence shall be entered upon the register list. This list shall conform to the model hereto annexed, marked C. Register list. Post, pp. 1046, 1047.

Registered letters shall be enveloped together in strong paper and well secured. The package shall be inscribed with the words "Registered" or "Objets Chargés," and placed in the mail.

ARTICLE VI. The receiving exchange office shall acknowledge to the despatching office the receipt of the registered articles numerically. Registered articles.

Whenever the verification of the list shall disclose an error or any differences the fact shall be notified to the despatching office by the next mail.

ARTICLE VII. The two administrations mutually engage to take needful measures for the careful transmission of registered correspondence and for pursuing it when lost; but it is understood that neither assumes towards the other any pecuniary responsibility in case of loss. Same subject.

ARTICLE VIII. The letters exchanged between the two offices shall indicate, by stamp or writing thereon, the office of origin. Marks and stamps.

Correspondence fully paid to destination shall be stamped in the United States PAID ALL, and in Switzerland PD.

Registered articles shall be stamped "Registered" in the United States, and "Charge" in Switzerland. Correspondence insufficiently prepaid shall be stamped in the United States "Insufficiently PAID," and in Switzerland "Affranchissement Insuffisant," and the amount of deficient postage expressed in figures on the face.

Letters unpaid or insufficiently paid shall be also stamped to indicate the route by which they are sent, if different routes are employed.

Letters to foreign countries in open mails.
Post, p. 1048.
List of foreign countries.

ARTICLE IX. The two postal administrations may exchange in the open mails letters and other correspondence with foreign countries, and upon conditions as indicated in the tables D and E hereto annexed.

ARTICLE X. The tables D and E hereto annexed also indicate the foreign countries with which registered correspondence may be exchanged in the open mails between the two offices, and the conditions thereof.

Postage due, how indicated.

ARTICLE XI. The respective exchange offices shall mark in *red* in the upper right corner of the address of prepaid letters sent for transit in the open mail, the amount of the postage due to the foreign office of destination; and in the same manner, but in *black* ink, shall mark the amount of postage due to the foreign office of origin upon the unpaid letters so sent in transit.

Certain articles may be retained.

ARTICLE XII. Articles under band which do not conform to the conditions mentioned in Article XII. of the convention, or which are in no part prepaid, shall be retained at the disposition of the administration of origin, or, if sent, shall not be subject to account.

Letters insufficiently paid, to be sent as wholly unpaid.

ARTICLE XIII. Letters originating in or destined for foreign countries, sent in the open mail for transit through the United States or through Switzerland, and which are insufficiently prepaid, shall be transmitted as wholly unpaid, and no account taken between the two administrations of the amount prepaid.

Letters, &c. not deliverable, to be returned.

ARTICLE XIV. Letters and all registered articles not deliverable shall be respectively returned to the despatching administration at the end of every month.

The postage on unpaid letters so returned shall be deducted from the account against the office originally charged therewith.

The postage on prepaid letters so returned shall remain in the account as originally entered.

The expense of transit of unpaid correspondence which has been transported by either administration in closed mails, and shall be returned to the despatching office as not deliverable, shall be deducted from the original amount charged for transit upon a declaration of the amount by the office claiming the reduction. No charge will be made by either administration for the transit of correspondence returned as not deliverable.

Mis-sent, &c. letters.

ARTICLE XV. All correspondence wrongly addressed or missent shall be returned without delay by the receiving office which despatched it. The receiving office shall also correct accordingly, in the column of verification, the original entries of the letter bill relating to such correspondence. The articles of a like nature addressed to persons who have changed their residence shall be mutually forwarded or returned, charged with the rate that would have been paid at the first destination.

Letter bill for closed mails.

ARTICLE XVI. The despatching exchange office shall state on the letter bill for the intermediate exchange offices to which it shall deliver closed mails, whether from the United States to Switzerland or from Switzerland to the United States, the exact number of single rates of letters (or weight, if required) and the total weight of the other correspondence which shall be despatched in such mails.

Accounts between the two offices.

ARTICLE XVII. It is understood that the accounts between the two offices shall be established on the respective letter bills in the proper money of the despatching office.

For the international charges, the reduction of these moneys shall be effected in the general accounts at the rate of five francs and ten centimes for one dollar of the United States.

In entering the foreign charges on the letter bill in the money of the despatching office, the *cent* shall be considered as the equivalent of five centimes of Switzerland.

It is also understood that the quarterly accounts shall be paid, respectively, in gold, and in the denomination of the money of the creditor office.

ARTICLE XVIII. The accounts mentioned in Article XV. of the convention shall be prepared by the respective despatching offices of exchange. They shall be based upon the acknowledgments of receipt, and shall, respectively, be prepared according to the models hereto annexed and marked F and G.

Certain accounts to be prepaid.

Post, pp. 1049, 1051.

A recapitulation (or summary) of these accounts showing the definitive result, alike for the debit and the credit, shall be prepared by the United States office according to the form hereto annexed and marked H, and shall then be transmitted, with the accounts on which it is based, for the examination of the Swiss office. The latter office shall advise the United States office of the result of the verification, and any differences ascertained after mutual discussion shall be embraced in the next quarterly account.

Post, p. 1058.

ARTICLE XIX. The convention and these regulations shall take effect on the 1st day of April, 1868.

This convention when to take effect.

Signed at Paris this 28th day of November, 1867.

JOHN A. KASSON,

Special Com., etc., etc.

L. M. FUCHS,

Controller-General of Swiss Posts.

POST-OFFICE DEPARTMENT,

Washington, January 25, 1868.

The foregoing articles of detailed regulations for carrying into execution the postal convention of 11th October, 1867, between the United States and Switzerland, are hereby ratified and approved.

Witness my hand and the seal of the Post-Office Department this 25th day of January, A. D. 1868.

[L. S.]

ALEX. W. RANDALL,

Postmaster-General.

A. (See p. 1035.)
LETTER BILL

Despatched the _____, 18____. Arrived the _____, 18____.

A., continued.

TABLE VI.--CLOSED MAILS IN TRANSIT WITH THIS MAIL.

No. of the Articles.	Origin of the Mail.	Destination.	Letters.						Journals, Prints, and Patterns.
			Number of Single Rates.		Net Weight in Grams.				Net Weight in Grams.

ACKNOWLEDGMENT OF RECEIPT

{ **CONFERENCE WITH THE UNITED STATES** }
ACKNOWLEDGMENT OF RECEIPT
 { **POSTAL ADMINISTRATION.** }
 From the Swiss Exchange Office of _____, No. _____, 18____,
 _____, via _____,

Number of the Articles.	Weight per Single Rate.		Charge per Single Rate.		Statement by the United States Exchange Office			Verification by the Swiss Exchange Office.		
	Grams	Cts	Cts	Cts	No of Single Rates	Amount Dollars	Cts	No of Single Rates	Amount Dollars	Cts
1		16	15							
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TABLE I.—INTERNATIONAL CORRESPONDENCE, (including registered articles)	
Letters prepaid	{ Number of single rates Amount of stamps affixed.
" Unpaid	
Letters insufficiently paid	{ Amount of deficient postage Total number of single rates of international letters
Journal and prints	
Samples of merchandise	{ Total value of the postage stamps and insufficiently prepaid.

TABLE II.—FOREIGN CORRESPONDENCE, (including registered articles)	
Letters from United States to foreign countries in transit through Switzerland.	{ Unpaid Prepaid { Number of international rates Foreign postage due to Switzerland
Letters originating in the foreign countries to which the United States serves as intermediary.	{ Addressed to { Unpaid { Number of international rates Switzerland { Foreign postage due to the United States Addressed to foreign { Prepaid { Number of international rates countries in transit { Foreign postage due to Switzerland through Switzerland { Unpaid { Number of international rates Foreign postage due to the United States
Total number of single rates of letters in transit	
Journal, prints, and patterns, prepaid, originating in the United States, addressed to foreign countries in transit through Switzerland.	{ Total amount of international postage
Journal, prints, and patterns, prepaid, originating from foreign countries in transit through the United States for Switzerland and the countries beyond	{ Amount of foreign postage due to Switzerland

POST-OFFICE DEPARTMENT OF THE
UNITED STATES OF AMERICA

In (See p. 1035.)

LETTER BILL No. _____

For the Mails despatched from _____ to _____, *via* _____, 18--; arrived the _____, 18--.{ CORRESPONDENCE WITH
SWITZERLAND

No. of the Item of Account.	Statement by the United States Office		Verification by the Swiss Office	
1	Single Weight	Single Rate	No. of Single Letters	Amounts
2	Grams	Cts.		Dolls. Cts.
3	15	15		
4	"	"		
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6	120	4		
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16	"	"		
17	"	"		
18	"	"		

TABLE I. — INTERNATIONAL CORRESPONDENCE,
(including Registered Articles — postage only)

Letters fully prepaid
Letters wholly unpaid
Letters insufficiently paid, { Number of single rates
Amount prepaid
Amount deducted
Total number of single international rates
Journals, { whether fully prepaid } The total amount prepaid is
Other prints, { or partially paid
Samples,

TABLE II. — EXTRANATIONAL CORRESPONDENCE,
(including Registered Articles — postage only)

Letters originating in the United States (wholly or in part) { No. of international rates
States for foreign countries be- { Fully prepaid } Foreign postage to account for to Switzerland
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Addressed to { Fully prepaid } Foreign postage to account for to United States
Switzerland { Unpaid } No. of international rates
Letters originating in foreign countries, { No. of international rates
tries, and passing { Fully prepaid } Foreign postage to account for to Switzerland
in transit through { Unpaid } No. of international rates
the United States { Unpaid } Foreign postage to account for to United States
land { Unpaid } No. of international rates

Total number of single rates in transit
Total amount of the international postage
Prepaid Journals, other prints, samples, etc. originating in the United States, addressed to Switzerland or to Switzerland, and to countries beyond Switzerland.
Total amount of foreign postage to account for to Switzerland

TABLE III. — OF REGISTER FEES.

Total number of register fees and registered articles here-with
Amount of supplementary fees on same, due to countries beyond Switzerland, to account for to Switzerland

TABLE IV. — LETTERS FORWARDED FOR CHANGE OF RESIDENCE.

Letters prepaid and unpaid, of whatever { Prior postage unpaid, amount to account for, to exclusive credit of United States
origin, forwarded to persons who have { Expense of returning the correspondence
changed their national address } No. of rates at 61 cents per single rate
{ Memo — Articles misused, or wrongly addressed. Note the number of articles

No. of registered articles by this mail: —

TABLE V. — FOR ACCOUNTING FOR INTERMEDIATE TRANSIT.

Total number of single rates of letters sent by this mail
(See items, 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8, 9, 10, 11, 12, 13, 14, 15, 16, 17, 18, 19, 20, 21, 22, of this letter bill)

Total weight (net) of articles in this mail, { Letters
Journals, etc., etc.

TABLE VI. — CLOSED MAILS DESPATCHED HEREWITH FOR SWISS TRANSIT.

No. of the Item of Account.	Office of Origin.	Destination.	Letters.		Journals, etc., etc.
			No. of Single Letters	Net Weight in Grams	Net Weight in Kilograms
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		Total			
		Total			

* This line to be left blank in letter bills for Belgium and Holland; but are to be filled in letter bills for Germany, Switzerland, and Italy.
† This column to be left blank in letter bills for Belgium and Holland; but are to be filled in letter bills for Germany, Switzerland, and Italy.

POST-OFFICE, —, the — of —, 186—
received, containing the following Articles:—

The Mail from _____ to _____, by the Ship _____, of _____, 186____, has been received, containing the following articles:

[illegible]

ACKNOWLEDGMENT OF RECEIPT — continued.

No. of the Items of the Account.			Statement by the Swiss Exchange Office.		Verification by the U. S. Exchange Office.	
			No. of Single Rates	Amount Frs. Cent.	No. of Single Rates	Amount Frs. Cent.
		TABLE III.				
19		Number of the fixed fees collected on the registered articles.				
20		Amount of supplementary register fees due the United States for articles registered to destination to foreign countries				
		TABLE IV.				
21		Letters prepaid and unpaid wherever originating, ad- dressed to persons who have changed their residence } No. of single rates				
22		Multidirected articles returned, (Mem. number, -----)				
		TABLE V.				
23		Total number of single letter rates by this mail (Airs. 1, 2, 6, 7, 8, 10, 11, 13, 15, 22)				
24		Total weight by this mail } Letters Journals, prints and patterns				
25			Grammes.			

TABLE VI.—CLOSED MAILS IN TRANSIT IN THIS MAIL.

No. of the Account.	Origin of the Mail.	Destination.	Letters.		Journals, Fricols, and Postcards.
			Number of Single Rates.	Net Weight in Grammes.	
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Descriptive List of the Letters and other Registered Articles contained in the Mail sent by the Swiss Exchange Office of _____ to the United States Exchange Office of _____, the _____, 18—.

					STATEMENT.			VERIFICATION.		
Numbers.	Nature of the articles.	Place of origin.	Name of the persons addressed.	Destination	Number of single rates.	Net weight in grammes.	Amount of supplementary registration fees due for registration to destination for foreign countries	Number of single rates.	Net weight in grammes.	Amount of supplementary registration fees due for registration to destination for foreign countries
Number of fixed fees to carry to Art. 19 of the Letter Bill										
Sum total to carry to Art. 20 of the Letter Bill										
Number of single rates to include in Tables I. and II. of the Letter Bill										

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Correspondence with the
Swiss Post-Office.

(See p. 1035.)

Descriptive List of the Letters and other Registered Articles contained in the Mail sent by the United States Office of Exchange of _____ to the Swiss Office of Exchange of _____, the _____, 18—.

Number.	Nature of the Registered Articles. (#)	Origin.	To whom addressed.	Destination.	Amount of the Supplementary Registration Fee to pay to the Swiss Office on Registered Articles destined for Foreign Countries.		Verification by the Receiving Officer.
					Dollars.	Cents.	
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Total number of the Registered Articles to be carried to Art. 19 of the Letter Bill							
Total amount to be carried to Art. 20 of the Letter Bill							

Certified by

(K) Letters, newspapers or book packets under band, patterns of merchandise, etc.

(See p. 1036.)

TABLE showing the Foreign Countries with which the United States Post-Office may exchange Letters and other Correspondence in open Mails, through the Intermediary of the Swiss Post-Office, with Indication of the Foreign Charges to be paid to the latter Office (independently of the International Postage) for Correspondence prepaid from the United States addressed to the said Countries, and also for unpaid Letters from the same Countries addressed to the United States.

Countries of origin and destination.	Nature of the correspondence.	Weights per single rate.	Foreign postage due the U. S. per single rate.		Supplementary transit register fees due U. S. office.		Observations.

(See p. 1036.)

TABLE showing the Countries with which Switzerland may exchange Correspondence through the United States open Mails, and the Amount to be added to the International Rates between Switzerland and the United States for Account of exterior Service.

Countries.	Letters.			Newspapers.			Book packets, prints, and samples.			Observations.
	Standard weight.	Additional postage.	Additional register fee.	Standard weight.	Additional postage.	Additional register fee.	Standard weight.	Additional postage.	Additional register fee.	
	Gms.	Cts.	Cts.	Gms.	Cts.	Cts.	Gms.	Cts.	Cts.	
Acapulco	15	"		120	2		120	"	4	At present registration exists only for Canada, New Brunswick, and Nova Scotia, and for letters only.
Aspinwall	"	10		"	2		"	"	4	
Bellio, British Honduras	"	10		"	2		"	4	4	
Brazil	"	10		"	2		"	"	4	Samples must be confined to samples and sample cards of dry, flexible material. Packages of hardware, groceries, etc. are subject to full letter rate of postage under existing laws of the United States, and hence cannot be forwarded through U. S. to countries beyond at less than letter rate of postage.
Canada	"		5	"	"		"	"	"	
New Brunswick	"		5	"	"		"	"	"	
Nova Scotia	"		5	"	"		"	"	"	
Central America and Pacific Coast, via Panama	"	10		"	2		"	4	4	
China	"	10		"	2		"	4	4	
Costa Rica	"	10		"	2		"	4	4	
Cuba	"	10		"	2		"	4	4	
Guatemala	"	10		"	2		"	4	4	
Japan	"	10		"	2		"	4	4	
Mexico, by sea	"	10		"	2		"	4	4	
Nicaragua, Pacific Coast, via Panama	"	10		"	2		"	4	4	
Panama	"	10		"	2		"	4	4	
Sandwich Islands	"	10		"	2		"	4	4	
St. Thomas, via U. S. Brazilian Packets	"	10		"	2		"	4	4	
Venezuela	"	10		"	2		"	4	4	
West Indies, British	"	10		"	2		"	4	4	

CONTEMPORANEOUS WITH THE
UNITED STATES OF AMERICA.

FRONTAL ADMINISTRATION OF THE
SWISS CONFEDERATION

(F.)
(See p. 1037.)

(See p. 1037.)

QUARTERLY ACCOUNT OF the Mails sent by the Swiss Exchange Office of ——— to the United States Exchange Office of ——— via
(See p. 1031.)

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G.
(See 1, 1037.)
QUARTERLY ACCOUNT
Of the Mails sent by the United States Exchange Office of _____ to the Swiss Exchange Office of _____, during the Quarter ending _____, 18__ via _____

Numbers of the articles.	Sums collected by the Swiss office which must be accounted for to the U. S. office.			
	Sums of which three fifths come to the U. S.		Sums wholly due to the U. S.	
1				
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10				
13				
14				
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18				
19				
20				
Totals				
To deduct				
Transit charges—				
a				
b				
c				
d				
e				
f				
Remainder.				
Three fifths due the U. S. .				
Due the U. S.				
Due Switzerland				
Total due the U. S. . . .				
Transit charges refunded to the U. S.				
Final total to the credit of the U. S.				

Numbers of the articles.	Sums collected by the United States office, and which must be accounted for to the Swiss office.			
	Sums of which two fifths come to Switzerland.		Sums wholly due to Switzerland.	
2				
5				
7				
11				
12				
15				
16				
21				
22				
Totals				
Two fifths due Switzerland .				
Due Switzerland				

18—, via —, during the Quarter ending

TIME FIGURES BELOW REFER TO THE NUMBERS OF THE ITEMS OF THE LETTER BILL.

Numbers of the letter bills.		1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	14	15	16	17	18	19	20	21	22	23	24	25	26	27	
Total	At rate of	1	15	1	1	0																							
I.—INTERNATIONAL CORRESPONDENCE																													
Unpaid letters	Number of rates.																												
	Total amount prepaid.																												
	Total amount deficient.																												
Letters insured recently paid.	Number of rates.																												
	Total amount prepaid.																												
	Total amount deficient.																												
II.—EXTRANATIONAL CORRESPONDENCE																													
Letters originating in the United States for transit to countries beyond Switzerland																													
Number of rates.																													
Total amount prepaid.																													
Letters originating outside the U. S. and forwarded in U. S. mails —																													
Number of rates.																													
Total amount prepaid.																													
III.—EUROPEAN PRESS																													
Unpaid letters	Number of rates.																												
	Total amount prepaid.																												
	Total amount deficient.																												
Letters insured recently paid.	Number of rates.																												
	Total amount prepaid.																												
	Total amount deficient.																												
IV.—LATVIA																													
Unpaid letters	Number of rates.																												
	Total amount prepaid.																												
	Total amount deficient.																												
Letters insured recently paid.	Number of rates.																												
	Total amount prepaid.																												
	Total amount deficient.																												
V.—INTERMEDIATE TRANSIT																													
Unpaid letters	Number of rates.																												
	Total amount prepaid.																												
	Total amount deficient.																												
Letters insured recently paid.	Number of rates.																												
	Total amount prepaid.																												
	Total amount deficient.																												
VI.—GERMANY																													
Unpaid letters	Number of rates.																												
	Total amount prepaid.																												
	Total amount deficient.																												
Letters insured recently paid.	Number of rates.																												
	Total amount prepaid.																												
	Total amount deficient.																												
VII.—OTHER COUNTRIES																													
Unpaid letters	Number of rates.																												
	Total amount prepaid.																												

SUMMARY OF THE WITHIN ACCOUNT.

Sums for which the United States office must account to Switzerland.				Sums for which the Swiss office must account to the United States.			
For items of account.	Nos.	Sums to be divided.	Sums wholly due to Switzerland.	For items of the account, numbered.	Sums to be divided.	Sums wholly due to the United States.	
	1			2			
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	6			7			
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	13			16			
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	17			22			
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	25						
Totals				Totals			
Deduct intermediate transit charges	23			One half (1/2) to United States is			
	25			One half to Switzerland is			
Balance to be divided is				One half joint sum opposite is			
One half due to the United States is				Exclusive amount due Switzerland (opposite) is			
One half joint sum opposite is				Total of sums to sole credit of Switzerland			
Exclusive amount due U. States (opposite) is				Total of sums to sole credit of the United States			
Total of sums to sole credit of United States				Net balance due to — is			
Total of sums to sole credit of Switzerland							
Net balance due to — is							

Dated at —, this — day of —, 18—.

POST-OFFICE DEPARTMENT OF THE
UNITED STATES OF AMERICA.

H.

(See p. 1037.)

CORRESPONDENCE WITH
SWITZERLAND.

RECAPITULATION.

For the quarter ending —, 18—, QUARTERLY ACCOUNT.	Mails sent by the way of —.	Net balance in favor of U. States office.		Net balance in favor of Swiss office.	
East: New York to Bâle	England.				
“ “	Belgium.				
“ “	Germany.				
New York to Bâle	Germany.				
West: Bâle to New York	Germany.				
Bâle to New York	Germany.				
“ “	Belgium.				
“ “	England.				
Balance is					
Of correspondence returned as not deliverable, (dead :)	Credit to U. States.				
Returned by U. S. office, bordereau for month of —.					
for “					
for “					
Returned by Swiss office, bordereau for month of —.					
for “					
for “					
The difference is					
The final balance in favor of — is					

United States Post-Office to the ——— Post-Office.
BORDEREAU OF CORRESPONDENCE RETURNED NOT DELIVERABLE—(DEAD)

BORDEAU OF CORRESPONDENCE RETURNED NOT DELIVERABLE

Items of the account showing the original charge	Description of the ordinary letters returned	Memorandum of No. returned.	No. of rates originally charged.	At the rate of postage of —	Amounts originally charged against the United States.		Net weight of unpaid returned letters to be stated, where charged by weight.	Transit charges per 50 grammes.	Items: Registered articles returned not deliverable			
					Unpaid postage divided	Unpaid postage to the credit of Switzerland			Original No. of the register bill	Origin	Name addressed.	Destination.
Nos.	I. Originally sent via											
	International Correspondence											
	1	Letters prepaid, (number only)										
	2	Letters unpaid										
	5	Letters insufficiently paid										
8, 10, 13 7 11, 12, 15, 16 21, 22	II Extraneous. Open transit.											
	Letters prepaid											
	Letters unpaid											
	Do.											
	Letters forwarded											
Number of rates to be reclaimed for intermediate transit												
Amounts for reduction of former charges												

Convention for the further Amelioration of the Postal Intercourse between the United States of America and the Swiss Confederation, by means of International Money-Orders issued by their respective Postal Administrations. October 12, 1867. Ante, p. 1031. Post, p. 1061.

The post department of the United States of America, by its special commissioner, John A. Kasson, esquire, and the federal council of the Swiss Confederation, by Dr. Jacques Dubs, vice-president of the federal council and chief of the federal post department, and Jacques-Jean Chaillet-Venel, member of the federal council and chief of the federal department of treasury, have agreed upon the following articles, subject to ratification by the respective authorities of the two countries:—

ARTICLE I. Any person resident in either country, and desiring to transmit small sums of money to any resident in the other country, may effect the same by means of international postal money-orders in the manner hereinafter set forth.

ARTICLE II. There shall be designated in each country at least one office as the international money-order office. This office shall be, (a) on the part of the United States, New York; (b) on the part of the Swiss Confederation, Bâle. If it shall be found necessary, additional international offices may be established by common agreement for the same object.

ARTICLE III. Any person desiring to make such international remittance of money may purchase at any money-order office of the country of his residence a postal order for the requisite amount, not exceeding fifty dollars (gold value) in the United States, or its equivalent in Switzerland. This order shall be drawn on the international office of the same country. It shall contain the name and address of the beneficiary in the country of destination, and shall be in the form to be prescribed by the post department of the country of origin. The postmaster issuing the order shall immediately transmit the original to the postmaster of the international office on which it is drawn.

ARTICLE IV. At stated periods, and according to a form to be agreed upon between the two post departments in their common regulations for the execution of this convention, the postmaster of each international money-order office shall transmit to the corresponding international office a duly certified list of such international orders received by him since the last previous transmission, to be paid in the other country.

Immediately upon the receipt thereof the postmaster of the international receiving office shall transmit, according to the usage of the receiving administration, a domestic money-order for the amount due to the beneficiary.

ARTICLE V. In order to simplify accounts and to conform the exchange of international money-orders to the usage of each administration, and to the convenience of the people of each country, it is further agreed that the charges for such exchange of orders shall be composed of:—

1. The domestic charge of the despatching office, which shall not exceed its usual charge upon domestic money-orders of the same amount.
2. The charge for international exchange, which shall be also fixed by the despatching administration, subject to a minimum of twenty cents in the United States and of one franc in Switzerland, and to a maximum of one per cent. where such rate exceeds the minimum.

3. The domestic charge of the receiving country, upon the order by means of which the sum is paid to the beneficiary, which shall not exceed its usual charge upon domestic money-orders of the same amount.

Contracting parties.

International postal money-orders.

Money-order offices.

Money-order not to exceed fifty dollars in gold.

Form of order, on which office drawn, &c.

List of orders to be transmitted.

Charges for exchange of orders.