# III.C. 1847 U.S.-Bremen Convention - 1853 Rates - Newspaper and Printed Matter Rates

In 1867, printed matter could be prepaid to the destination and the circulars were rated as printed matter (rather than newspapers, as before). The printed matter rates were 1¢ to Hamburg and 1½¢ to other parts of the G.A.P.U., both up to 1 ounce. The U.S. credited to Hamburg if addressed ½¢ to Hamburg and 1¢ if addressed to other parts of the G.A.P.U. Whether the circular was sent by Hamburg or U.S. packet was irrelevant. New York began using credit stamps 1/2 and 1 on circulars, indicating they were being treated as printed matter. The red and black colors of the handstamps were irrelevant.



1¢ printed matter rate overpaid from New York 20 March 1867 to Bremen by *America* (North German Lloyd Line), New York 21 March 1867, Bremen 5 April 1867.



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Applied in New York. ½¢ credit to Bremen because the letter was addressed only to Bremen.

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1¢ printed matter rate overpaid from Galveston, Texas, 18 May 1867 to Bremen by *New York* (North German Lloyd Line), New York 23 May 1867, Bremen 4 June 1867.



1¢ printed matter rate overpaid from Galveston, Texas, 16 July 1867 to Bremen by *Hermann* (North German Lloyd Line), New York 25 July 1867, Bremen 5 August 1867.

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3¢ newspaper rate prepaid from New York to Greisswald, Prussia. 1¢ credit to Bremen since letter carried by a U.S. packet and addressed beyond Bremen.



5¢ newspaper rate prepaid from New York 12 January 1867 to Bremen by Hansa (North German Lloyd Line), New York 12 January 1867, Bremen 27 January 1867.

The convention contains no rate progressions for newspapers and printed matter.

If it were 2¢ up to 3 ounces and 1¢ for each additional ounce, this item would have weighed over 7 ounces.

If it were rated as printed matter and the rate was 1½¢ per 1½ ounce, this item would have weighed over three ounces.



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Shows the division of the 29¢ rate: 14¢ German internal, 15¢ international rate.

29¢ rate unpaid from Moscow, Russia, 5 October 1856 via Prussia and Bremen to Washington, D.C., by Washington (Ocean Line), Bremen 1 November 1856, New York 20 November 1856.

Aachen incorrectly marked PAID. Manuscript 12 debit to U.S. for 7¢ Russian transit and 5¢ G.A.P.U. under Prussian Convention marked in error. Via Bremen endorsement noted and underlined, and letter sent unpaid under Bremen Convention. New York rated due 22¢, apparently considering only the Russian transit to have been paid.

16¢ credit to Bremen: 6¢ sea, 1¢ Bremen, 5¢ G.A.P.U., and 4¢ transit to Switzerland.



19¢ rate prepaid from Highland, Illinois, 22 August 1867 to Hochdorf, Switzerland, by New York (North German Lloyd Line), New York 29 August 1867, Bremen 11 September 1867.

		From	Russia	108	Switzerland
Foreign transit German internal Bremen Sea U.S. internal Totals	3 sgr	7¢ 7¢ 7¢ 1¢ 1¢ 9¢ 9¢ <u>5¢</u> <u>5¢</u> <b>22</b> ¢ 29¢	14¢ or 6 sgr German portion 15¢ international rate	<b>4</b> ¢ 5¢ 1¢ 6¢ <u>3¢</u> <b>19</b> ¢	16¢ credit to Bremen



19¢ rate unpaid from Louisville, Kentucky, 8 September 1866 to Rothenbrunnen, Graubünden, Switzerland, by *Hermann* (North German Lloyd Line), New York 22 September 1866, Bremen 5 October 1866.

No evidence that U.S. Packet, *Baltic* (North American Lloyd) sailed 20 September 1866 as advertised. **95** centimes due.



#### Franco Schweiz. Grenze.

The Baden railway post struck Franco / Schweiz. Grenze. (paid only to the Swiss border).

30¢ prepaid to the G.A.P.U. border from New York 7 April 1866 to Chiavari, Italy, by Bremen (North German Lloyd Line), New York 7 April 1866, Bremen 20 April 1866.

Since the Bremen Convention rate to Sardina was 23¢ it is unclear why New York accepted only 15¢ and credited Bremen 12¢, instead of 20¢ for full payment. The Baden railway post struck Franco / Schweiz. Grenze. (paid only to the Swiss border). AFFR. INSUR. stuck in Basel. Déboursé .../ Transit suisse 15c indicated the 15 centisimi Swiss transit fee.

	To S	Switzerland	
U.S. internal Sea Bremen German transit Foreign transit Totals	3¢ 6¢ 1¢ 5¢ 4¢ 19¢	9¢ debit to Bremen	Rate to G.A.P.U. border 15¢ = 22 kr Bremen debit to Switzerland

		To Italy	
U.S. internal Sea Bremen German transit Swiss transit	3¢ 6¢ 1¢ 5¢	12¢ credit to Bremen 15 centisimi	
Italian inland Totals	15¢	20 centisimi 35 centisimi = 3½ decesimi	





(reverse)
Königlich Dänische
Ober Postamt Hamburg.

Unpaid from Wiota, Wisconsin, 24 October 1856 to Christiania, Norway, by Washington (Ocean Line), New York 1 November 1856, Bremen 20 November 1856.

The Prussian Convention rate, 48¢, marked in Wiota. Endorsed By Hamburg but sent under the Bremen Convention. The manuscript date on the front, Hbg 25/11 corresponds with the date in the backstamp of the Danish post office in Hamburg, K.D.O.P.A. HAMBURG (Königlich Dänische Ober Postamt), which forwarded the letter to Norway via Copenhagen. 40 sk.sp due postage indicated on reverse.

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Applied in Hamburg. 8¾ sgr debit from Hamburg to Norway.



Carried privately from Havana. 38¢ rate unpaid from New York 16 December 1865 to Kristiansand, Norway, by *Bremen* (North German Lloyd Line), New York 16 December 1865, Bremen 29 December 1865.

37 sk.sp. increased by additional 1 sk.sp. local fee for a total of 38 sk.sp.

1856 Letter to Norway					
U.S. internal	5¢	1 14¢ debit 1		7	
Sea	9¢	1 to Bremen	63/4 sgr		
Bremen	1¢				24 sk.sp.
German transit	5¢		2 sgr	٦	
Foreign transit	14¢ 34¢				16 sk.sp.
Totals	34¢	12 schillinge =	83/4 sgr		40 sk.sp.

	1865 Letter to Norway		
U.S. internal	3¢ debit to Bremen	7	
Sea	6¢	63/4 sgr	
Bremen	1¢		24 sk.sp.
G.A.P.U.	5¢		
Prussian transit		2 sgr J	
Foreign transit			13 sk.sp.
Totals	15¢	83/4 sgr	37 sk.sp.

The 1852 U.S.-Prussia Convention set the single letter rate of 30¢ or 13 sgr per ½ ounce. This was allocated 5¢ to the U.S., 18¢ sea and British transit, 2¢ Belgian transit, and 5¢ German internal (2 sgr G.A.P.U. rate). Credits and the debits between the U.S. and Prussia were not affected by whether the letter was carried by a British or American packet. All sea postage was credited to or retained by the U.S. Exchange office markings indicate British or American packet since the U.S. accounted to England for mail carried by a British packet. The U.S. also accounted to Britain for transit through England and for Belgian transit (the latter only for mail from the U.S.).



30¢ rate prepaid from San Francisco 5 May 1856 via Panama to Arolsen, Waldeck, by Golden Gate (Pacific Mail Steamship Co.), San Francisco 5 May 1856, Panama 19 May 1856, by Illinois (United States Mail Steamship Co.), Aspinwall 20 May 1856, New York 29 May 1856, by Fulton (Havre Line), New York 31 May 1856, Southampton 14 June 1856.



30¢ rate prepaid from Little Rock, Arkansas, 20 March 1861 to Leipzig, Saxony, by *Arabia* (Cunard Line), New York 27 March 1861, Queenstown 7 April 1861.

U.S. internal Sea & British transit Belgian transit G.A.P.U. Prepaid 5¢ 18¢ 2¢

7¢ credit to Prussia



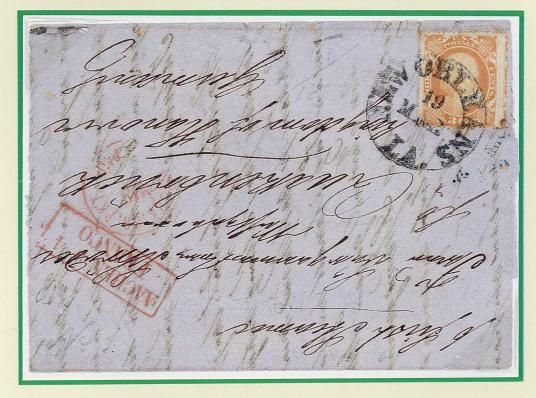
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7¢ credit to Prussia for Belgian transit and G.A.P.U..Applied in Boston.

**30¢** rate prepaid from Dearbornville, Michigan, 1 May 1858 to Brandenburg, Prussia, by *Canada* (Cunard Line), Boston 5 May 1858, Liverpool 17 May 1858.



Distinctive worn circular date stamp style used in 1861.



30¢ rate prepaid from New Orleans 19 March 1861 to Quackenbruck, Hannover, by Arabia (Cunard Line), New York 27 March 1861, Queenstown 7 April 1861.
 Confederate usage of United States stamp. Louisiana seceded from the U.S. on 26 January 1861 and joined the Confederacy on 4 February 1861. Nevertheless, the U.S. continued to provide postal service in the Confederacy until 31 May 1861.

U.S. internal Sea & British transit Belgian transit G.A.P.U. Prepaid 5¢ 18¢ 2¢ 5¢ **30¢** 

7¢ credit to Prussia





Used April 1860 to November 1867.

30¢ rate prepaid from Stockton, California, 31 January 1861 to Herford, Westphalia, by Sonora (Pacific Mail Steamship Company), San Francisco 1 February 1861, Panama 16 February 1861, by Illinois (United States Mail Steamship Company), Aspinwall 16 February 1861, New York 25 February 1861, by Africa (Cunard Line), New York 27 February 1861, Queenstown 10 March 1861.



The Chicago exchange office received Allan Line mail via the Grand Trunk Railway.



30¢ rate prepaid from Iowa City, Iowa, 12 May 1862 to Krelowitz, Germany, by Nova Scotian (Allan Line), Quebec 17 May 1862, Liverpool 30 May 1862.

U.S. internal Sea & British transit Belgian transit G.A.P.U. Prepaid 5¢ 18¢ 2¢ 5¢ 30¢

7¢ Credit to Prussia





Prussia credited the U.S. 25 cents for Belgian transit, sea, British transit and U.S. internal.

13 sgr (30¢) rate prepaid from Coeln (258), Prussia, 21 May 1856 to Nauvoo, Illinois, by Niagara (Cunard Line), Liverpool 24 May 1856, New York 6 June 1856.



New York restated the

45 kr (30¢) rate prepaid from München (325), Bavaria, 4 October 1859 to New York by Ocean Queen (Vanderbilt Line), Southampton 13 October 1859, New York 24 October 1859.

G.A.P.U.	5¢		2 sgr
Belgian transit	5¢ 2¢ 1		
Sea & British transit	18¢   <b>25¢</b> cred	lit =	11 sgr
U.S. internal	5¢ to U.S.		
Prepaid	$\frac{5\phi}{30\phi} = \frac{1}{45} \text{ kr}$		13 sgr



Paid
25 cts.

Prussia credited the U.S. 25 cents for Belgian transit, sea, British transit and U.S. internal.

13 sgr (30¢) rate prepaid from Aachen, Prussia, 22 February 1853 to Webster, Massachusetts, by *Africa* (Cunard Line), Liverpool 26 February 1853, New York 13 March 1853.

On the reverse, the Prussian

On the reverse, the Prussian clerk wrote 10¾ sgr, the international rate under the Anglo-Prussian Convention and then crossed it out.

The clerk then wrote f11 on the reverse, the international rate under the

U.S.-Prussian convention.



13 sgr (30¢) rate overpaid from Penig, Saxony, 21 February 1861 to Reading, Pennsylvania, by *Etna* (Inman Line), Queenstown 28 February 1861, New York 14 March 1861.

13¾ sgr was intended to prepay the Anglo-Prussian Convention rate. 10¾ sgr, the international rate under the Anglo-Prussian Convention, was written on the reverse and crossed out. The clerk then wrote f11 on the reverse, the international rate under the U.S.-Prussian convention.

G.A.P.U.
Belgian transit
Sea & British transit
U.S. internal
Totals

 $\begin{bmatrix}
5\phi \\
2\phi \\
18\phi \\
\underline{5\phi} \\
30\phi
\end{bmatrix}$ 2 sgr 2 sgr11 sgr 13 sgr





30¢ rate unpaid from Bischofsheim am Rhein, Baden, 22 May 1855 to Cincinnati, Ohio, by *Africa* (Cunard Line), Liverpool 26 May 1855, Boston 7 June 1855.





13 sgr (30¢) rate unpaid from Pillau, East Prussia (now Baltijsk, Russia), 26 August 1854 to Portland, Maine, by *St. Louis* (Havre Line), Southampton 31 August 1854, New York 12 September 1854.

U.S. internal Sea & British transit Belgian transit G.A.P.U. Due 5¢ 18¢

 $\frac{5\phi}{30\phi}$  = 2 sgr debit to U.S.



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13 ngr due. Used for mail to Hanover.

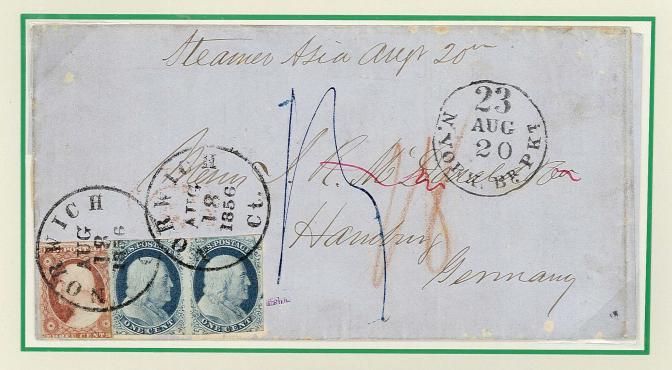
30¢ rate unpaid from Blue Island, Illinois, 13 June 1864 to Hohenstein, Saxony, by *Damascus* (Allan Line), Quebec 18 June 1864, Liverpool 3 July 1864.





30¢ rate unpaid from New Orleans 29 November 1867 to Neckarthailfingen, Württemberg, by *America* (North German Lloyd Line), New York 5 December 1867, Southampton 15 December 1867.

U.S. internal Sea & British transit Belgian transit G.A.P.U. Due  $\begin{bmatrix}
 5¢ \\
 18¢ \\
 2¢ \\
 5¢ \\
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 30¢ = 45 kr = 13 ngr
 \end{bmatrix}$ 



30¢ rate unpaid from Norwich, Connecticut, 18 August 1856 to Hamburg by *Asia* (Cunard Line), New York 20 August 1856, Liverpool 31 August 1856. **5**¢ prepayment for British open mail ignored. Sent unpaid under Prussian Convention.



**30**¢ rate unpaid from Washington, D.C.,17 December 1861 to Berlin, forwarded to Posen, by *Hansa* (North German Lloyd Line), New York 21 December 1861, Southampton 3 January 1861.

U.S. internal Sea & British transit Belgian transit G.A.P.U. Due 5¢ 30¢ = 13 sgr = 18 sh





Scarce Portland depreciated currency marking. Due 30¢ in specie or 48¢ in U.S. notes.

Single **30**¢ rate unpaid from Frankfurt am Main 8 March 1864 to Washington, D.C., by *America* (Allan Line), Londonderry 11 March 1864, Portland 26 March 1864.



Prussia debited the U.S. 10¢ for double German internal.



Double 30¢ rate unpaid from Botzen, Tyrol, 25 May 1867 to Bristol, Rhode Island, by *Persia* (Cunard Line), Queenstown 2 June 1867, New York 13 June 1867.

2 at upper left indicates double letter.

G.A.P.U. Belgian transit Sea & British transit U.S. internal Due 
 Single Rate
 Double Rate

  $5\phi = 2$  sgr debit to U.S.
  $10\phi = 4$  sgr debit sgr depict sgr depict

10¢ = 4 sgr debit to U.S. 4¢ 36¢ 10¢ 60¢ = 78¢ in U.S. NOTES



Am Bestimmungsorte nicht abgefordert

(reverse)
Not claimed at the destination.

30¢ rate unpaid from Ellwangen, Württemberg, 7 March 1859 to Pottsville, Pennsylvania, by *Niagra* (Cunard Line), Liverpool 12 March 1859, Boston 29 March 1859. Returned 30 June 1859. **45** kr due.



30¢ rate unpaid from Nürnberg, Bavaria, 27 July 1857 to New Haven, Connecticut, by Canada (Cunard Line), Liverpool 1 August 1857, Boston 13 August 1857.
Digits in Boston marking reversed to read AUG 31 instead of the correct AUG 13.
3¢ additional due for forwarding 15 August 1857 to Peace Dale, Rhode Island.

G.A.P.U. Belgian transit Sea & British transit U.S. internal Due 5¢ = **2** sgr debit to U.S. 2¢ 18¢ 5¢

30¢ = 45 kr

In September 1861, the U.S.-Prussian Convention rate was reduced for prepaid mail to 28¢ or 12 sgr, but remained 30¢ or 13 sgr for unpaid mail.



Carried privately from San Francisco. Entered mail in New York.



Single 28¢ rate (2¢ overpaid) by Wells, Fargo & Cos. Express
from San Francisco 1 November 1863 through New York to Tauer, Prussian Silesia,
by Europa (Cunard Line), Boston 26 November 1862, Queenstown 8 December 1862.

10¢ postage for over 3000 miles to New York paid, even though carried privately. Entered U.S. mail in New York.





Used April 1862 to October 1866.

Double 28¢ rate prepaid from St. Louis 14 November 1862 to Mecklenburg-Schwerin by Scotia (Cunard Line), New York 20 November 1862, Queenstown 29 November 1862.

	Single Rate		Double Rate	
U.S. internal	5¢		10¢	
Sea & British transit	16¢		32¢	
Belgian transit	2¢	¬ 7¢ credit	4¢	¬ 14¢ credit
G.A.P.U.	5¢	J to Prussia		to Prussia
Prepaid	<u>5¢</u> 28¢		10¢ <b>56¢</b>	