

THE GENERAL POST OFFICE of the UNITED KINGDOM of GREAT BRITAIN and IRELAND and the GENERAL POST OFFICE of the UNITED STATES OF AMERICA being desirous of regulating, by means of a new Convention, the Communications by Post between the two countries, the undersigned, duly authorized for that purpose by their respective Governments, have agreed upon the following Articles :—

ARTICLE 1.

There shall be an exchange of correspondence between the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Ireland and the United States of America, as well for letters, newspapers, book packets, and patterns or samples of merchandise, originating in the United Kingdom or in the United States, as for articles of the same nature originating in or destined for the countries or colonies the correspondence of which is forwarded through the United Kingdom or through the United States.

ARTICLE 2.

Each office shall make its own arrangements for the despatch of mails to the other office by well appointed ships sailing on stated days, and shall, at its own cost, remunerate the owners of such ships for the conveyance of the mails.

ARTICLE 3.

The postage on a single international letter shall not exceed sixpence in the United Kingdom, or twelve cents in the United States, and the authorized weight of a single letter shall be half an ounce in the United Kingdom, or fifteen grammes (by the metrical scale) in the United States.

For other than single letters the same charge shall be made for every additional half ounce or fifteen grammes, or fraction thereof.

ARTICLE 4.

Every international letter insufficiently paid, or wholly unpaid, received in the United States from the United Kingdom shall, in addition to the deficient postage, be subject to a fine of five cents, such fine to be retained by the United States Post Office, and every international letter insufficiently paid, or wholly unpaid, received in the United Kingdom from the United States, shall, in addition to the deficient postage, be subject to a fine the amount of which shall be fixed and retained by the British Post Office.

ARTICLE 5.

International newspapers, book packets, (including printed papers of all kinds, maps, plans, prints, engravings, drawings, photographs, lithographs, sheets of music, and so forth,) and patterns and samples of merchandise (including seeds and grain) shall be transmissible by either Office at such charges, (not less than threepence in the United Kingdom, or six cents in the United States per four ounces on book packets and patterns or samples of merchandise,) and under such regulations as the despatching office may from time to time lay down.

These regulations however, shall include the following :—

1. The postage shall be fully prepaid.
2. No book packet may contain anything which is sealed or otherwise closed against inspection, nor must there be any letter, nor any communication of the nature of a letter, whether separate or otherwise, unless the whole of such letter or communication be printed; but entries merely stating from whom, or to whom, the packet is sent, shall not be regarded as a letter.
3. No book packet must exceed two feet in length, or one foot in width or depth.