

POSTAL CONVENTION

Signed at London December 15, 1848

Senate advice and consent to ratification January 5, 1849

Ratified by the President of the United States January 6, 1849

Ratified by the United Kingdom January 23, 1849

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9 Stat. 965; Treaty Series 121 ²

The United States of America and Her Majesty the Queen of the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Ireland, being desirous to promote the friendly Relations existing between their respective Citizens and subjects, by placing the communications by Post between the Territories of the United States and those of Her Britannick Majesty upon a more liberal and advantageous footing, have resolved to Conclude a Convention for this purpose, and have named as their Plenipotentiaries, that is to say,

The President of the United States, by and with the advice and consent of the Senate thereof, George Bancroft, a Citizen of the United States, their Envoy Extraordinary and Minister Plenipotentiary to Her Britannick Majesty;

And Her Majesty the Queen of the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Ireiand, the Right Honourable Henry John Viscount Palmerston, Baron Temple, a Peer of Ireland, a Member of Her Britannic Majesty's most Honorable Privy Council, a Member of Parliament, Knight Grand Cross of the most Honourable Order of the Bath, and Her Britannick Majesty's Principal Secretary of State for Foreign Affairs;

Who, after having communicated to each other their respective full powers, found in good and due form, have agreed upon and concluded the following Articles:

ARTICLE I

There shall be charged upon all letters not exceeding half an Ounce in Weight, conveyed either by United States' or by British Packets between a Port in the United States and a Port in the United Kingdom, an uniform

¹ 15 Stat. 545.

² For a detailed study of this convention, see 5 Miller 461.