

## POSTAL CONVENTION

*Signed at Washington December 21, 1859*

*Ratified by Belgium February 17, 1860*

*Ratified by the President of the United States August 14, 1860*

*Ratifications exchanged at Washington October 19, 1860*

*Proclaimed by the President of the United States October 20, 1860*

*Entered into force November 19, 1860*

*Replaced by convention of August 21, 1867 <sup>1</sup>*

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### POSTAL CONVENTION BETWEEN THE UNITED STATES AND BELGIUM

Articles agreed upon between the General Post Office of the United States of America, by Joseph Holt, Postmaster General, in virtue of his constitutional powers, and the General Post Office of Belgium, by his Excellency M. Blondeel Van Cuelebroeck, Envoy Extraordinary and Minister Plenipotentiary of his Majesty the King of the Belgians, and invested with special powers to that effect, for the reciprocal receipt and delivery of letters and packets in closed mails to be conveyed through England, under the fifteenth article of the postal treaty between Belgium and Great Britain of the 14-28th August, 1857, as well as by any direct line of steamships which may be established between the United States and Belgium. In pursuance of this object, the following details are hereby agreed upon, viz:

ARTICLE I. There shall be a periodical and regular exchange of correspondence between Belgium and the United States of America at the times and by the means of communication and transport which shall be hereafter indicated, as well for letters, samples of merchandise, newspapers and printed matter, originating in the two countries, as for articles of the same nature originating in or intended for countries which shall be enabled to make use of the postal service organized by the present convention.

When the senders shall not have indicated any other route in the superscription, correspondence of every kind, either addressed from Belgium to the United States and their Territories, or from the United States and their Territories to Belgium, shall be invariably comprised in the closed mails which

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<sup>1</sup> 16 Stat. 923. The convention of Aug. 21, 1867, was terminated Feb. 23, 1938, pursuant to notice given by Belgium Feb. 23, 1937.