otherwise,) in the case of books; and, in short, whatever is necessary for the safe transmission of Literary or Artistic matter, or usually appertains thereto; but no patterns, or books of patterns (unless consisting merely of paper,) shall be allowed.—

4thly. No book packet may contain any written letter, closed or open, or any enclosure, sealed or otherwise closed against inspection; nor must there be any letter, nor any communication of the nature of a letter, written in any such packet, or in or upon its cover.—

5thly. No book packet must exceed two feet British, in length, width, or depth.

—ARTICLE 12.—

The Postage to be collected by the dispatching Office upon the Book packets referred to in the preceding Article, shall be as follows:

1st, Upon Book packets forwarded from the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Ireland to Liberia.—

For a Packet not exceeding Four ounces British, in weight	3d
For a Packet weighing above 4 oz: and not exceeding 8 oz:	6d
For a Packet weighing above 8 oz: and not exceeding 1 lb.	1s 0d
For a Packet weighing above 1 lb and not exceeding 1½ lb	1s 6d

And so on, Six pence being added for each additional half pound or fraction of half a pound.—

2ndly, Upon Book packets forwarded from Liberia to the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Ireland.

For a Packet not exceeding 4 oz: in weight	6 cents
For a Packet weighing above 4 oz: and not exceeding 8 oz:	12 cents
For a Packet weighing above 8 oz: and not exceeding 1 lb	24 cents
For a Packet weighing above 1 lb and not exceeding 1½ lb	36 cents

And so on, 12 cents beeing added for each additional half pound or fraction of half a pound.—

—ARTICLE 13.—

The British Post Office shall pay to the Post Office of Liberia one third of the amount of postage collected in the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Ireland upon Prepaid Book packets forwarded to Liberia, and upon Insufficiently paid Book packets received from Liberia, and the Post Office of Liberia shall pay to the British Post Office two thirds of the amount of postage collected in Liberia upon prepaid Book packets forwarded to the United Kingdom, and upon Insufficiently paid Book packets received from the United Kingdom.—

—ARTICLE 14.—

The British Post Office promises to use its good offices with the Post Office of the United States, in order to procure for the correspondence originating in the United States and addressed to Liberia, and vice versa, when forwarded through the United Kingdom, the advantage of prepayment to destination on either side.

—ARTICLE 15.—

Each of the Mails exchanged between the Post Offices of the two Countries shall be accompanied by a Letter Bill in which the dispatching office shall state the nature of the articles which the Mail contains and the amount of postage due to each office.

The office to which the Mail shall be forwarded shall acknowledge its receipt to the dispatching office by return of post.

The Letter bills and Acknowledgments of receipt shall be in accordance with the Forms **B**, **C**, and **D**, annexed to the present Convention.

—ARTICLE 16.—

Dead Letters, Newspapers and Book packets which cannot be delivered from whatever cause, shall be mutually returned, monthly, for the same amount of postage which was originally charged by the Sending Office.—Letters mis-directed, or mis-sent, shall be reciprocally returned without delay, and letters addressed to persons who have changed their residence and returned to the Country whence the letters were sent, shall, in like manner, be sent back charged with the rate that would have been paid if the letters had been delivered at the first address.—

—ARTICLE 17.—

The British Post Office shall prepare, at the end of every quarter, accounts exhibiting the results of the exchange of correspondence between the respective offices.—Such accounts shall be founded upon the Acknowledgments of receipt of the respective offices during the quarter.—

After these accounts have been compared and settled by the two offices the balance shall be paid in British money, by that office which shall be found to be indebted to the other.—

—ARTICLE 18.—

The British Post Office and the Post Office of Liberia shall have power to modifiy, from time to time, by mutual consent, the whole of the arrangements agreed upon by the present Convention.

—ARTICLE 19.—

The present Convention shall come into operation on the *First day of April One thousand eight hundred and fifty eight*, and shall continue in force until one of the two contracting parties shall have announced to the other, one year in advance, its intention to terminate it.

—ARTICLE 20—

The present Convention shall be ratified, and the ratifications shall be exchanged as soon as possible.—

Done in Duplicate, in London, the Twentieth day of January One thousand eight hundred and fifty eight.

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