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A PROCLAMATION.

BY THE PRESIDENT OF THE UNITED STATES.

Convention between the United States of America and Denmark—Naturalization.

Concluded July 20, 1873; ratified January 22, 1873; exchanged March 14, 1873; proclaimed March 14, 1873.

Whereas a convention between the United States of America and his Majesty the King of Denmark, relative to the naturalization of citizens and subjects of the two countries, was concluded and signed at Copenhagen by their respective plenipotentiaries on the twentieth day of July, 1873, the original of which convention, being in the English and Danish languages, is word for word as follows:

The United States of America and his Majesty the King of Denmark being desirous to regulate the citizenship of the citizens of the United States and of the Kingdom of Denmark, who have emigrated, or who may emigrate, from the United States of America to the Kingdom of Denmark, and of Danish subjects who have emigrated, or who may emigrate, from the Kingdom of Denmark to the United States of America, have resolved to conclude a convention for that purpose, and have named as plenipotentiaries: That is to say, the President of the United States of America, Michael J. Craner, Minister resident of the United States of America at Copenhagen, and his Majesty the King of Denmark, Christian IX., and his Majesty's plenipotentiaries, Christian Rosenor-Lehn, commander of Dannebrog and Dannebrogsgaard, chamberlain, his Majesty's plenipotentiary for foreign affairs, etc.

Who, after having conferred with each other their respective full powers, found to be in good and due form, have agreed upon and concluded the following articles, to wit:

ARTICLE I.

Citizens of the United States of America who have become, or shall become, and are naturalized, according to law, within the Kingdom of Denmark, shall be held by the United States of America to be in all respects and for all purposes as citizens of the United States of America, and shall be treated as such by the Kingdom of Denmark.

ARTICLE II.

If any citizen of the United States, as aforesaid, naturalized within the Kingdom of Denmark as a Danish subject, should renew his residence in the United States, his application for naturalization as that United States may see fit to impose, shall be read to the character and privileges of a citizen of the United States, and the Danish government shall be bound to readmit him to the character and privileges of a Danish subject, and the United States shall be bound to readmit him as a citizen of the United States on account of his former naturalization.

ARTICLE III.

If, however, a citizen of the United States, naturalized in Denmark, shall renew his residence in the United States, he shall be held to have renounced his naturalization.

ARTICLE IV.

The present convention shall be ratified by the President of the United States of America, by and with the advice and consent of the Senate of the United States, and by his Majesty the King of Denmark, and the ratifications shall be exchanged at Copenhagen as soon as may be, within eight months from the date of the signing of the plenipotentiaries who signed the same, and have affixed thereto their respective seals.

ARTICLE V.

Done at Copenhagen, the twentieth day of July, in the year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred and seventy-three, and of the independence of the United States the ninety-third.

By the President:

HAMILTON FISH, Secretary of State.

Postal Convention between the United States of America and the United Kingdom of Sweden and Norway.

The undersigned, John A. J. Creswell, Minister resident of the United States of America, in virtue of the powers vested in him by law, and Olof Stenstrom, Envoy Extraordinary and Minister Plenipotentiary of his Majesty the King of Sweden and Norway to the United States of America, in the name of his government, and by virtue of the powers which he has formally received to that effect, have agreed upon the following articles, to wit:

ARTICLE I.

There shall be an exchange of correspondence between the United States of America and the United Kingdom of Sweden and Norway. This exchange of correspondence shall embrace all letters, ordinary and registered. 2. Newspapers, books, prints of all kinds (including maps, plans, engravings, drawings, photographs, illustrations, and other publications), and all other articles of merchandise, including grains and seeds. Such correspondence shall be exchanged whether originating in the United States and destined for either of the United Kingdoms, or vice versa; or originating in, or destined for, any foreign countries to which the contracting countries may serve as intermediaries.

ARTICLE II.

The offices for the exchange of mails shall be at the city of Stockholm, No. 1, between Goteborg and Stockholm; No. 2, between Goteborg and Hammarfest; and at the port of Hammarfest and Hammarburg; and at the port of the United States—1, New York; 2, Chicago.

ARTICLE III.

The respective postal administrations are authorized, if circumstances should require it, to procure the use of the offices designated for the exchange of mails, or to establish others in their place.

ARTICLE IV.

The postoffices of Sweden and Norway shall make their own arrangements for the dispatch of mails to the United States; and in like manner the postoffice of the United States shall make arrangements for the dispatch of mails to Sweden and Norway. The mails shall be forwarded by regular routes of communication, and each office shall, at its own cost, pay the expense of the intermediate transportation (sea and territorial) of the mails which it dispatches to the other country. It is agreed that the cost of the international, ocean and territorial transit of closed mails, exchanged in either direction, between the frontiers of the respective countries, shall be first defrayed by that one of the offices which shall have obtained from the postoffice of the intermediary countries the most favorable terms of such conveyance, and any amount so advanced by one of the offices shall be repaid by the other, shall be promptly reimbursed.

ARTICLE V.

The standard weight for the single rate of postage shall be:

1. For letters, ten grammes.

2. For all other correspondence mentioned in the second paragraph of the first article, that which each office adopts for the mails which it dispatches to the other, adapted to the regulations prescribed for such correspondence in the dispatching country. Each office shall, however, give notice to the other of the standard weight it adopts and any necessary change thereof.

3. The rule of progression shall be an additional single rate for each additional single weight or fraction thereof.

4. The rule of progression for the dispatching office shall always be accepted, except in the case of mailier rates.

ARTICLE VI.

The single rate of postage for letters or correspondence exchanged in direct mails between the United States and the United Kingdom of Sweden and Norway, shall be:

1. By closed mail, via England, without regard to the forwarding of the correspondence, whether to or from a Swedish or Norwegian office, shall be, in the United States, ten cents.

2. For letters from Sweden to the United States—

(a) When paid in Sweden, thirty-six cents.

(b) When paid in the United States, six cents.

3. For letters from the United States to Sweden—

(a) When paid in the United States, nine cents.

(b) When paid in Sweden, twenty-four cents.

4. For letters from the United States to Norway—

(a) When paid in the United States, nine cents.

(b) When paid in Norway, ten centimes.

5. For letters from Norway to the United States—

(a) When paid in Norway, ten centimes.

(b) When paid in the United States, six cents.

6. For letters from Sweden to the United States—

(a) When paid in Sweden, thirty-six cents.

(b) For letters from Norway to the United States—

(a) When paid in Norway, ten centimes.

(b) When paid in the United States, six cents.

7. For letters from the United States to Norway—

(a) When paid in the United States, nine cents.

(b) When paid in Norway, ten centimes.

8. For letters from the United States to Sweden—

(a) When paid in the United States, nine cents.

(b) When paid in Sweden, twenty-four cents.

9. For letters from the United States to Norway—

(a) When paid in the United States, nine cents.

(b) When paid in Norway, ten centimes.

10. For letters from the United States to Sweden—

(a) When paid in the United States, nine cents.

(b) When paid in Sweden, twenty-four cents.

11. For letters from the United States to Norway—

(a) When paid in the United States, nine cents.

(b) When paid in Norway, ten centimes.

12. For letters from the United States to Sweden—

(a) When paid in the United States, nine cents.

(b) When paid in Sweden, twenty-four cents.

13. For letters from the United States to Norway—

(a) When paid in the United States, nine cents.

(b) When paid in Norway, ten centimes.

14. For letters from the United States to Sweden—

(a) When paid in the United States, nine cents.

(b) When paid in Sweden, twenty-four cents.

15. For letters from the United States to Norway—

(a) When paid in the United States, nine cents.

(b) When paid in Norway, ten centimes.

16. For letters from the United States to Sweden—

(a) When paid in the United States, nine cents.

(b) When paid in Sweden, twenty-four cents.

17. For letters from the United States to Norway—

(a) When paid in the United States, nine cents.

(b) When paid in Norway, ten centimes.

18. For letters from the United States to Sweden—

(a) When paid in the United States, nine cents.

(b) When paid in Sweden, twenty-four cents.

19. For letters from the United States to Norway—

(a) When paid in the United States, nine cents.

(b) When paid in Norway, ten centimes.

20. For letters from the United States to Sweden—

(a) When paid in the United States, nine cents.

(b) When paid in Sweden, twenty-four cents.

21. For letters from the United States to Norway—

(a) When paid in the United States, nine cents.

(b) When paid in Norway, ten centimes.

22. For letters from the United States to Sweden—

(a) When paid in the United States, nine cents.

(b) When paid in Sweden, twenty-four cents.

23. For letters from the United States to Norway—

(a) When paid in the United States, nine cents.

(b) When paid in Norway, ten centimes.

24. For letters from the United States to Sweden—

(a) When paid in the United States, nine cents.

ARTICLE VII.

Obtained, Sweden shall receive one moiety and the United States the other moiety of the total amount of the international postage and register fees for correspondence between the United States and the United Kingdom of Sweden and Norway.

ARTICLE VIII.

The American exchange offices of New York and Chicago shall make up mails for the Swedish exchange offices of Goteborg, Stockholm, and the traveling postoffice No. 2, between Goteborg and Stockholm, and the traveling postoffice No. 2, between Malmo and Falgopping.

ARTICLE IX.

Each mail exchanged between the respective offices shall be accompanied by a letter-bill showing the postage and the amount which is to be paid to each office upon the different kinds of correspondence.

ARTICLE X.

The form of this letter-bill shall follow the model No. 12, annexed to the form hereto annexed and marked F, and shall be transmitted with the quarterly accounts in which it is based, for the examination of the other office.

ARTICLE XI.

The exchange offices shall divide the entire amount of separate packages, according to the letter-bill.

ARTICLE XII.

When more than a single rate is chargeable upon any letter or other article, the amount of the single rate shall be indicated by the dispatching office by a figure in the upper left corner of the address.

ARTICLE XIII.

Registered correspondence shall be described in a register list, following the models C1 and C2, hereto annexed.

ARTICLE XIV.

The register lists dispatched shall be retained by the receiving office, which office shall acknowledge by the first mail registered articles, numerically, from No. 1 to No. 10.

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The two administrations mutually engage to take all necessary measures for the careful transmission of registered correspondence, and for preserving it when lost; but it is understood that neither administration shall be held responsible in case of loss.

ARTICLE XVII.

All letters exchanged between the several offices shall be stamped or written in ink, and the name of the dispatching office shall also be stamped with the name of the dispatching office of exchange.

ARTICLE XVIII.

The respective postal administrations are authorized to forward to each other, in the name of the dispatching office, all registered articles, stamped and recommended in Sweden.

ARTICLE XIX.

Correspondence insufficiently paid shall be stamped in the United States "insufficiently paid" and in Sweden "for lack of postage," and the amount of deficient postage expressed in figures (dolls) on the face.

ARTICLE XX.

Correspondence dispatched by a direct line between the respective countries shall be stamped "direct service," or "service direct."

ARTICLE XXI.

Letters wrongly sent, or addressed, or not deliverable, shall be returned to the dispatching office, at its expense for the return, if any expense shall be incurred. Registered articles, in the second paragraph of the first article mentioned, shall be returned to the dispatching office, and shall be left to the disposition of the receiving office.

ARTICLE XXII.

Any postage not collected upon the correspondence returned, which shall have been charged against the receiving office, shall be deducted from the account.

ARTICLE XXIII.

This convention shall take effect from the first day of July, 1873. It shall remain in force until the expiration of the time when any of the governments of the respective countries shall have given notice of its wish to terminate the same. It is to be ratified, and the ratifications are to be exchanged as soon as possible.

ARTICLE XXIV.

Done in duplicate at the city of Washington, this fifteenth day of March, in the year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred and seventy-three, and of the independence of the United States the ninety-third.

JOHN A. J. CRESWELL, Minister resident of the United States of America.

OLUF STENSTROM, Envoy Extraordinary and Minister Plenipotentiary of his Majesty the King of Sweden and Norway to the United States of America.

I hereby certify the foregoing convention, and in testimony thereof I have caused the seal of the United States to be affixed.

By the President:

HAMILTON FISH, Secretary of State.

Washington, March 15, 1873.

[Translation.]

We, Olof, by the grace of God, King of Sweden, Norway, the Goths and the Vandals, and the United States of America, have found it expedient to conclude a postal convention, and our minister, duly authorized for that purpose, having, on the twentieth day of March, in the present year, with the Postmaster General of the United States, established, concluded, signed and, with his seal, provided a convention, the text of which is as follows: (See convention above.)

Therefore we have desired to ratify, approve, and accept the convention so concluded, with all its articles, paragraphs, and clauses, and we do hereby certify the same, and we will sincerely and honestly uphold and fulfill the foregoing convention, with all its articles, paragraphs, and clauses.

In witness whereof we have, with our own hand, signed, and caused the same to be confirmed by our seal, on the twentieth day of the month of May, in the year after the birth of our Lord and Saviour one thousand eight hundred and seventy-three.

O. M. BJORNSTJERNA, Olof, King of Sweden, Norway, the Goths and the Vandals.

Done at Stockholm, the twenty-sixth day of May, 1873.

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