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THE COLONY OF BRITISH HONDURAS.

Signed at Washington, February 20, 1899.

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THE Post Office Department of the United States of America and the General Post Office of the Colony of British Honduras, being desirous of establishing a system of exchange of money orders between the two countries, the Undersigned, duly authorized for that purpose, have agreed upon the following Articles:—

ARTICLE I.

1. There shall be a regular exchange of money orders between the two countries.
2. The maximum of each order is fixed at one hundred dollars (\$100).
3. No money order shall include a fractional part of a cent.

ARTICLE II.

1. The British Honduras Post Office shall have power to fix the rates of commission (fees paid by the public) on all money orders issued in British Honduras, and the Post Office Department of the United States shall have the same power in regard to all money orders issued in the United States.
2. Each country shall communicate from time to time to the other its tariff of charges, or rates of commission (fees paid by the

public), which shall be established under this Convention; and these rates shall, in all cases, be payable in advance by the remitters, and shall not be repayable.

3. It is understood, moreover, that each country is authorized to suspend, temporarily, the exchange of money orders, should circumstances give rise to abuses or cause detriment to the postal revenue.

#### ARTICLE III.

1. Each country shall keep the commission (fees paid by the public) charged on all money orders within its jurisdiction, but shall pay to the other country one-half of 1 per cent. on the amount of such orders.

#### ARTICLE IV.

1. The service of the postal money order system between the two countries shall be performed exclusively by the agency of offices of exchange. On the part of the United States the Office of Exchange shall be New Orleans, and on the part of British Honduras, Belize.

2. Orders shall be drawn only on the authorized money order offices of the respective countries, and each Postal Administration shall furnish to the other a list of such offices, and shall, from time to time, notify any addition to or change in such list.

3. Every order and advice must contain the name of the office and of the country of destination, and if relating to an order payable in the United States, the name of the State in which such office is situated.

#### ARTICLE V.

1. No money order shall be issued unless the applicant furnish the name and address of the person to whom the amount is to be paid, and his own name and address, or the name of the firm or Company who are the remitters or payees, together with the addresses of each.

2. The money orders issued in either country shall be forwarded by the remitters to the payees at their own expense.

#### ARTICLE VI.

1. The advices of all money orders issued upon British Honduras by the post offices in the United States shall be sent to the Office of Exchange at New Orleans, where they shall be examined, and, if found correct, impressed with the dated stamp of that office and transmitted, by the next mail, to the Exchange Office at Belize, accompanied by the original list, the duplicate (model of Form A) of which shall be sent by the next mail after the despatch of the original.

2. The advices, on their arrival at Belize, shall be compared with the entries in the list, and afterwards despatched to the paying offices.

3. In like manner, the advices of money orders drawn on the United States by Postmasters in British Honduras shall be sent to the Exchange Office at Belize, shall be there examined, and, if found correct, impressed with the dated stamp of that office, and be despatched, accompanied by a list, in duplicate, Form B (see Article VII, paragraph 2), to the Office of Exchange at New Orleans by the next mail.

4. The advices, on their receipt at New Orleans, shall be compared with the entries in the list, and afterwards despatched to the paying offices.

5. Each Exchange Office shall certify its orders to the other on the lists specified in Article VI.

#### ARTICLE VII.

1. The lists despatched from each Office of Exchange shall be numbered consecutively, commencing with No. 1 at the beginning of the month of July in each year, and the entries in these lists shall also have consecutive numbers.

2. Of each list despatched a duplicate shall be sent by the following mail, which duplicate, after being verified by the receiving Office of Exchange, shall be returned to the despatching Office of Exchange.

3. Each Office of Exchange shall promptly communicate to the other the correction of any simple error which it may discover in the verification of the lists.

4. When the list shall show irregularities which the receiving Office of Exchange shall not be able to rectify, that office shall apply for an explanation to the despatching Exchange Office, and such explanation shall be afforded without delay.

5. Should any list or the duplicate thereof fail to be received in due course, the despatching Exchange Office, on receiving information to that effect, shall transmit, without delay, a duplicate or triplicate of the list, duly certified as such.

#### ARTICLE VIII.

1. Duplicate orders shall only be issued by the Postal Administration of the country on which the original orders were drawn, and in conformity with the Regulations established or to be established in that country.

#### ARTICLE IX.

1. The orders, issued by each country on the other, shall be subject, as regards payment, to the Regulations which govern the

payment of domestic money orders in the country on which they were drawn.

2. The paid orders shall remain in the possession of the country of payment.

#### ARTICLE X.

1. Repayment of orders to remitters shall not be made until an authorization for such repayment shall first have been obtained by the country of issue from the country where such orders are payable, and the amounts of the repaid orders shall be duly credited by the former country in the quarterly account (Article XII).

2. It is the province of each Postal Administration to determine the manner in which repayment to remitters is to be made.

#### ARTICLE XI.

1. Orders which shall not have been paid within twelve calendar months from the month of issue shall become void, and the sums received shall accrue to and be at the disposal of the country of origin.

2. The British Honduras Office shall, therefore, enter to the credit of the United States, in the quarterly account, all money orders entered in the lists received from the United States which remain unpaid at the end of the period specified (Article XII).

3. On the other hand, the Post Office Department of the United States shall, at the close of each month, transmit to the British Honduras Office, for entry in the quarterly account, a detailed statement of all orders included in the list despatched from the latter office which under this Article become void.

#### ARTICLE XII.

1. At the close of each quarter an account shall be prepared at the General Post Office of British Honduras, showing, in detail, the totals of the lists containing the particulars of orders issued in either country during the quarter, and the balance resulting from such transactions.

2. Three copies of this account shall be transmitted to the Post Office Department of the United States at Washington, and the balance, after proper verification, shall, if due by the Post Office Department of the United States, be paid at Belize, but if due by the British Honduras Post Office, it shall be paid at New Orleans, and in the money of the country to which the payment is made.

3. Payments may also be made in money, or by drafts or by bills of exchange on points other than Belize or New Orleans by mutual agreement between the two Departments.

ARTICLE XIII.

1. If, pending the settlement of an account, one of the two Postal Administrations shall ascertain that it owes the other a balance exceeding one thousand dollars (\$1,000), the indebted Administration shall promptly remit the approximate amount of such balance to the credit of the other ; but nothing herein contained shall prevent such Administration from remitting a lesser amount than one thousand dollars (\$1,000) at discretion. This account, and the letters which accompany such intermediate remittances, shall be in accordance with the Forms (C), (D), (E), (F) annexed to this Convention.

ARTICLE XIV.

1. The Postal Administration in each country shall be authorized to adopt any additional rules (if not repugnant to the foregoing) for greater security against fraud, or for the better working of the system generally.

2. All such additional rules, however, must be promptly communicated to the Post Office Department of the other country.

ARTICLE XV.

1. This present Convention shall take effect on the first day of April, 1899, and shall continue in force until twelve months after either of the Contracting Parties shall have notified to the other its intention to terminate it.

Done in duplicate and signed in Washington on the twentieth day of February, in the year of our Lord 1899.

(L.S.) JULIAN PAUNCEFOTE, *Her Britannic Majesty's Ambassador.*

(L.S.) A. EMORY SMITH, *Postmaster-General of the United States.*



FORMS.

(A.)

List No. ....

Stamp of  
New Orleans  
Office.

Sir,

I have the honour to transmit to you herewith, in duplicate, a list containing a detailed statement of the sums received in the United States since my last despatch (List No. ....) for orders payable in British Honduras amounting in the aggregate to \$.....

Be pleased to examine, complete, and return to me the original copy of this list, with your acknowledgment of its receipt indorsed hereon.

I am, &c.

(Signed) .....

Postmaster, New Orleans.

To the Postmaster for Belize,  
British Honduras.

(A.)—continued.

| <i>Blanks to be filled by the despatching Exchange Office of New Orleans.</i> |                              |                            |                                   |                       |        |          |           | <i>For use of General Post Office,<br/>British Honduras.</i> |                  |          |
|---|------------------------------|----------------------------|-----------------------------------|-----------------------|--------|----------|-----------|--|------------------|----------|
| Current Number of<br>International Order.                                     | Number of Original<br>Order. | Date of Original<br>Order. | Office issuing<br>Original Order. | Office where payable. | Payee. |          | Remitter. | Amount of Order in<br>United States' Money.                  | Date of Payment. | Remarks. |
|   |                              |                            |                                   |                       | Name.  | Address. |           |  |                  |          |
|   |                              |                            |                                   |                       |        |          |           |  |                  |          |

(A.)—continued.

General Post Office,

British Honduras.

Belize, ..... 189 .

Sir,

I have examined this list of Money Orders, from No. .... to No. .... inclusive, for sums received in the United States for payment in British Honduras, amounting in the aggregate to \$.....

The said list was found to be correct, with the following exceptions:—

.....  
.....  
.....  
.....  
.....

I am, &c.

(Signed) .....

Postmaster for British Honduras.

To the Postmaster,  
Money Order Exchange Office,  
New Orleans.



(B.)

A LIST of Money Orders issued in British Honduras and payable in the United States.

Office  
Stamp.

Despatched this ..... day of ....., 189....

Stamp of  
New Orleans  
Office.

Date of arrival at New Orleans..... , 189....

*Blanks to be filled by the despatching Exchange Office, Belize.*

*For use of New Orleans Office.*

| Current Number of International Order. | Number of Original Order. | Date of Original Order. | Office of Issuc. | Remitter. | Payee.   |            |         |        | Value of Order in United States Money. | Remarks. |
|--|---------------------------|-------------------------|------------------|-----------|----------|------------|---------|--------|--|----------|
|  |                           |                         |                  |           | Address. |            |         |        |  |          |
|  |                           |                         |                  |           | Name.    | Residence. | County. | State. |  |          |
|  |                           |                         |                  |           |          |            |         |        |  |          |

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(F.)--BALANCE.

| To the Credit of British Honduras Office.  |    |    |    | To Credit of United States Office. |  |    |    |
|--|----|----|----|------------------------------------|--|----|----|
|  | \$ | c. | \$ | c.                                 |  | \$ | c. |
| Amount of International Orders issued in the United States .. .. .                     | .. | .. | .. | ..                                 | Amount of International Orders issued in British Honduras .. .. .                      | .. | .. |
| One-half of 1 per cent. on amount of such issues ..                                    | .. | .. | .. | ..                                 | One-half of 1 per cent. on amount of such issues ..                                    | .. | .. |
| Deduct amount of void Orders of United States as per Table .. .. .                     | .. | .. | .. | ..                                 | Deduct amount of void Orders of British Honduras issue, as per Table .. .. .           | .. | .. |
| Deduct amount of International Orders repaid in the United States as per Table .. .. . | .. | .. | .. | ..                                 | Deduct amount of International Orders repaid in British Honduras, as per Table .. .. . | .. | .. |
| <b>Total deduction .. .. .</b>   | .. | .. | .. | ..                                 | <b>Total deduction .. .. .</b>   | .. | .. |
| United States credit to be deducted .. .. .  | .. | .. | .. | ..                                 | British Honduras credit converted at \$..... to be deducted .. .. .                    | .. | .. |
| Balance to credit of British Honduras Office .. .. .                                   | .. | .. | .. | ..                                 | Balance to credit of United States Office .. .. .                                      | .. | .. |
| <br>   |    |    |    |                                    | <br>   |    |    |
| Paid on account by the Office of the United States (Dates.) .. .. .                    | .. | .. | .. | ..                                 | Paid on account by the Office of British Honduras (Dates.) .. .. .                     | .. | .. |
| <b>Balance remaining .. .. .</b>   | .. | .. | .. | ..                                 | <b>Balance remaining .. .. .</b>   | .. | .. |

The within account exhibits a total balance of ....., which, after deductions of the payments on account, as therein stated, leaves a balance remaining of ..... due to the ..... Office.

The above statement of accounts is accepted, with a balance of ..... due to the ..... Office.

.....  
*Postmaster of British Honduras.*

Washington, ....., 189....

.....  
*Auditor of the Treasury for the Post Office Department.*

The payments on account of ..... having been received by special vouchers, the receipt of the balance remaining of ..... is hereby acknowledged.

(G.)

*General Post Office,  
British Honduras.*

*Belize, ....., 189....*

Sir,

The lists of International Money Orders which the Belize Exchange Office has transmitted to the New Orleans Exchange Office, from ..... to ..... , 189 .. , amount to the sum of .. .. \$.....

The lists transmitted by the New Orleans Office to the Belize Office during the same period amount to .. .. \$ .....

Difference .. .. \$ .....

On account of which the British Honduras Office has already paid the following sums, viz. :—

|                      |    |    |         |
|----------------------|----|----|---------|
| ....., 189....       | .. | .. | \$..... |
| ....., 189....       | .. | .. | \$..... |
| ....., 189....       | .. | .. | \$..... |
| ....., 189....       | .. | .. | \$..... |
|                      |    |    | \$..... |
| Difference remaining |    |    | \$..... |

*Particulars.*—In accordance with the terms of Article XII of the Convention of ....., 189...., the sum of \$ ..... is herewith transmitted, as per particulars in the margin, the receipt of which you will be pleased to acknowledge in due form.

.....  
*Postmaster for British Honduras.*

To the Postmaster-General  
of the United States,  
Washington.

