

CONVENTION FOR THE EXCHANGE OF POSTAL MONEY ORDERS BETWEEN  
THE COLONY OF SAINT VINCENT, WEST INDIES, AND  
THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA.

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The Post Office Department of the Colony of Saint Vincent and that of the United States of America, 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 amending the existing Convention.

ARTICLE I.  
Issue.

The transfers of sums of money may be made by means of Postal Money Orders from the United States and its possessions (excepting the Philippine Islands) to Saint Vincent, and from Saint Vincent to the United States, and its possessions (excepting the Philippine Islands).

ARTICLE II.  
Form, Maximum, etc.

Sec. 1. The Money Orders issued in the United States and its possessions for payment in Saint Vincent, shall conform, as nearly as practicable, to model "A", hereto annexed, and the Money Orders issued in Saint Vincent for payment in the United States and its possessions shall in like manner, conform to model "B", also hereto annexed.

Sec. 2. Each Order shall be delivered to the remitter, to be forwarded to the payee, by and at the expense of the remitter.

Sec. 3. In filling up the Money Order and Advice, and the receipt of payments, the writing must be in the English language, and in Roman letters and Arabic numerals without erasure, alteration or obliteration, and no Order shall contain a fraction of a cent.

Sec. 4. The maximum amount of each Money Order is fixed at one hundred dollars.

Sec. 5. The Money Orders issued in the United States for payment in Saint Vincent shall be drawn in United States currency (dollars and cents), only, and the Money Orders issued in Saint Vincent for payment in the United States shall likewise express the amount in words as well as in figures in dollars and cents. The amount in sterling money deposited by remitters may also be entered in the orders and advices issued in Saint Vincent.

ARTICLE III.  
Transmittal of paid Orders as basis of settlement.

Sec. 1. On the first of each month (on the next succeeding day if such date falls on Sunday) each Administration shall prepare in duplicate a list of all money orders, issued in the other country, which have been paid at and received from its post offices, and have been audited.

Sec. 2. These lists must exhibit in detail, and in alphabetical order by States Territories or Possessions, as the case may be, the names of the issuing offices, the serial numbers printed on the orders, and the amount of each order. The sum total of each sheet of paid orders must be stated in the summary attached to the list, in dollars and cents.

Sec. 3. The lists shall be numbered consecutively throughout the fiscal year, beginning with No. 1 on the 1st of July of each year.

Sec. 4. One certified copy of each list shall be transmitted on the part of the United States to the Colonial Postmaster at Kingston, Saint Vincent, and, on the part of Saint Vincent, to the Auditor for the Post Office Department, Washington, D. C.

Sec. 5. Each list shall be accompanied by all paid orders entered therein, and shall be forwarded by registered mail.

Sec. 6. Each Administration shall promptly acknowledge to the other the receipt of each list, and shall as soon after receipt as possible, give notice of any errors which may have been discovered therein.

Sec. 7. In case paid money orders returned to the Administration which issued the orders, be lost or destroyed in transit by mail, it is agreed that a certified copy of the corresponding lists, presented by the administration which made the transmittal shall, within a reasonable time, be accepted as a satisfactory voucher and evidence of payment of the orders described therein.

#### ARTICLE IV Currency.

Sec. 1. It is agreed that in all matters of account relative to money orders, which shall result from the execution of the present Convention, the pound sterling shall be considered equivalent to four dollars and eighty-seven cents of the money of the United States.

Sec. 2. The above rate shall also be applicable to the payment in Saint Vincent of amounts of money orders issued in the United States, as well as to the issue in Saint Vincent of money orders payable in the United States.

#### ARTICLE V. Fees.

Sec. 1. A fee, to be fixed by the country of origin, shall be collected from the remitter upon each sum of money transmitted under this Convention.

Sec. 2. Each Post Office Department shall communicate to the other the tariff or schedule of the fees to be established by it under the provisions of this Article, and also any subsequent change therein.

Sec. 3. The person entitled to payment of a money order issued in pursuance of this Convention shall not be subjected, under any pretext whatever, to any commission or tax on account of the payment of such order.

Sec. 4. Each of the contracting Post Office Departments shall keep the fees which it receives for money orders issued within its jurisdiction.

#### ARTICLE VI

##### Payment, Endorsement.

Sec. 1. Payment of a money order in pursuance of this convention can be exacted only at the paying Post Office named in the Order, and cannot be exacted until after the receipt by that office of the advice required by Article VIII hereof, but the Postal Administration of the country of payment may, at its discretion, cause a money order to be paid at an office other than that named in the advice.

Sec. 2. Each of the two Departments reserves the right to authorize the transfer, within its territory, by means of endorsement, of the ownership of orders originating in the territory of the other.

#### ARTICLE VII List of Offices.

Sec. 1. Each Post Office Department reserves the right to designate the post-offices of its country which may be authorized to issue and pay money orders under the provisions of this Convention, and shall furnish to the other, from time to time, a list of the Post Offices so authorized, and shall also promptly report any changes to be made in said list.

Sec. 2. The lists furnished by the United States shall include the name of the State, Territory or Possession in which the money order office is situated.

**ARTICLE VIII**  
**Advices.**

Sec. 1. A Post Office in either country which issues a Money Order payable in the other is required to transmit to the Post Office charged with its payment, by the first mail after the issue thereof, an Advice corresponding to the Money Order in number date and amount.

These advices must be enclosed in envelopes specially provided for the purpose, and are to be carried free of charge. The address shall include the State, Territory or Possession, if payable in the United States.

Sec. 2. Each Advice shall legibly express the following:

1st. In printed characters, the name of the issuing office, and the name of the State, Territory, or Possession in which it is situated, and the number of the corresponding order.

2nd. In written characters:

(a) The name of the paying office and the name of the State, Territory or Possession in which it is situated.

(b) The amount in United States currency deposited by the remitter, or to be paid to the owner of the order, the date of issue of the order, and the signature of the issuing postmaster.

(c) The surnames and the given names or initials of the given names of the remitter and payee, as well as the address of the payee.

The business designation of a mercantile concern or firm, or the ordinary name accorded to a corporation, society or organization, may however, be used.

Sec. 3. The Advices required by this Article, shall, if issued in the United States, conform as nearly as is practicable to model "A(1)", and, if issued in Saint Vincent, to model "B(1)", both of which are hereto annexed.

**ARTICLE IX**

**Duplicate Advices.**

Sec. 1. At the request of the paying office, a lost or missent Advice will be replaced without delay, by the issuing postmaster with a duplicate thereof.

Sec. 2. Application for duplicate Advices shall be made upon blanks conforming to model "C", hereto annexed.

Sec. 3. In no case may an issuing postmaster change the place of payment of an order by means of a second or duplicate advice.

**ARTICLE X**

**Payment -- Limitation upon Correspondence.**

Sec. 1. The Orders drawn in pursuance of this Convention shall be subject, as regards payment, to the regulations that govern the payment of domestic money orders in the country of payment. Each Administration shall be responsible for the payments made within its territory.

Sec. 2. Only in sending advices to the offices of payment, in applying for duplicate advices and in making inquiries regarding the payment or repayment of original orders, shall postmasters in either country be permitted to correspond directly with postmasters in the other country. All other correspondence concerning money order business shall be conducted through the respective Post Office Departments of the United States and Saint Vincent.

## ARTICLE XI

## Invalid Orders and Advices.

Sec. 1. The Money Orders issued in pursuance of this Convention shall be valid until the expiration of twelve months from the last day of the month in which issued.

Sec. 2. After the expiration of that period, the advices of unpaid orders shall be returned to the administration of the country of origin, for its disposal, together with a detailed statement.

Sec. 3. Payment of the amount of an invalid order may be made by means of a duplicate, to be issued by the administration of the country of origin and sent direct to the Department of the country of payment.

## ARTICLE XII

## Duplicates.

Orders, lost or destroyed, will be replaced with duplicates to be issued by the Administration of the country of origin, and sent to the Department of the country of payment.

## ARTICLE XIII

## Repayments.

A Money Order, or a duplicate thereof, may be repaid to the remitter, payee or endorsee, upon presentation at the issuing office, provided the corresponding advice is in the possession of the issuing postmaster. For this purpose, in case the advice has been sent to the office of payment, it shall be returned by the paying to the issuing postmaster upon the request of the latter. In case of loss of the advice, a certificate from the paying postmaster to that effect shall be furnished in lieu of the advice.

## ARTICLE XIV

## Accounts, Balances.

Sec. 1. Within six weeks after the close of each fiscal quarter, two copies of an account similar to model "D" hereto annexed shall be prepared and transmitted to the Auditor for the Post Office Department of the United States by the Colonial Postmaster at Kingston, Saint Vincent, exhibiting the balance found due on the exchange of money orders during the quarter, one copy of which after proper verification and acknowledgment, shall be returned to the Colonial Postmaster at Kingston, Saint Vincent. The latter will then send an acknowledgment of receipt to the Post Office Department of the United States.

(a) If this verified account shows a balance in favor of the Post Office Department of Saint Vincent, that of the United States will transmit therewith a banker's bill of exchange, payable on demand in London, England, in Sterling money, for the amount of said balance due the Post Office Department of Saint Vincent. The latter will then send an acknowledgment of receipt to the Post Office Department of the United States.

(b) If, on the other hand, said account, after verification and acknowledgment as aforesaid, shows a balance in favor of the Post Office Department of the United States, then the Post Office Department of Saint Vincent will, upon receipt of the certified copy of the same, transmit to that of the United States a sight bill of exchange for the amount thereof, payable in New York, in dollars or payable in London, England, in sterling money. The United States post office department will then send in return an acknowledgment of receipt.

Sec. 2. 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, the indebted administration shall promptly remit the approximate amount of such balance to the credit of the other.

Sec. 3. The expense attending the remittance of bills of exchange shall invariably be borne by the Post Office Department by which payment is to be made.

Sec. 4. Payments may also be made in money, or by drafts or bills of exchange, on other points than London and New York, by mutual agreement between the two Departments.

ARTICLE XV  
Use of Vouchers.

Each Administration agrees to place temporarily at the disposal of the other any paid order, the return of which shall have been requested.

ARTICLE XVI  
Modification of Details.

The two Postal Administrations may, by mutual agreement, make modifications, if found expedient, in matters of detail connected with the execution of the provisions of this convention, in order to provide for greater security against fraud, or for the better working of the international system.

ARTICLE XVII  
Suspension of Convention.

Each of the two administrations is empowered, under extraordinary circumstances, which may be of a nature to warrant the measure, to suspend temporarily the money order service between the two countries, provided, however, that notice of such suspension be given to the other administration immediately, and, if deemed necessary, by means of the telegraph.

ARTICLE XVIII

In effect.

This convention when duly signed shall take effect on the 1st of October 1904, and shall be in force until one year after one of the contracting administrations shall have notified the other of its intention to terminate it. During such year the convention shall continue to be executed fully and entirely without prejudice to the adjustment and payment of the accounts after the expiration of the term in question.

Done in duplicate and signed at Washington on the twenty-ninth day of July, 1904, and at Grenada on the thirty-first day of August, 1904.

(Signed) H. C. Payne

Postmaster General of the United States.