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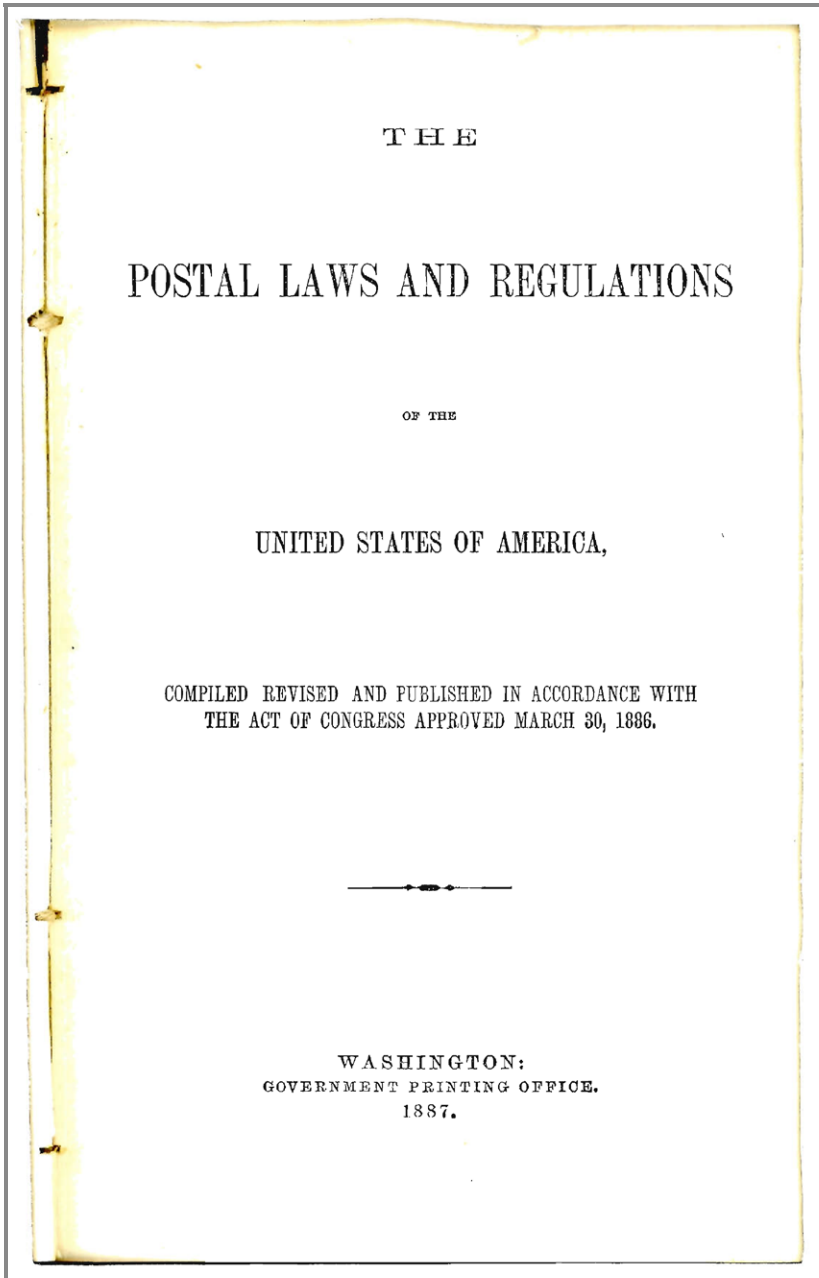


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MAILS WITH MEXICO.

Sec. 403. Classification and Rates of Postage.—Except as provided in the next section, articles of mail matter for Mexico are classified and admitted to the mails at the same rates of postage and in all respects according to domestic regulations of the United States, and mails from Mexico will be received and delivered as domestic mails, except as otherwise specially provided in these regulations.

Articles other than letters in their usual and ordinary form must never be closed against inspection, but must be so wrapped or inclosed that they may be readily and thoroughly examined by postmasters or customs officers.

Full prepayment of postage is required in both countries upon correspondence of all kinds, except letters, upon which prepayment of at least one full rate is compulsory. Such prepayment will be made in the domestic stamps of the country of origin.

Should any correspondence addressed to a Mexican office be tendered for mailing at a post-office in the United States, obviously with the intention to evade the higher rates of postage applicable in Mexico, it must be refused unless payment be made of such higher rates, it being designed to prevent persons whose correspondence belongs to the Mexican mails from availing themselves of the rates of postage of the United States. Postmasters on the Mexican border, and at offices near that country, are especially enjoined to carefully observe this provision.

Sec. 404. Unmailable Matter.—All articles which are not wrapped or inclosed as provided in the preceding section; all publications which violate the copyright laws of the country of destination; packets, except single volumes of printed books, which exceed four pounds six ounces in weight; liquids, poisons, explosive or inflammable substances, fatty substances, those which easily liquefy, live or dead animals, not dried, insects and reptiles, confections, pastes, fruits and vegetables and jelly liable to decomposition, substances which exhale a bad odor, lottery tickets or circulars, obscene or immoral articles, and other articles that are in any way liable to damage the mails or injure persons engaged in handling them, are unmailable.

Sec. 405. Return of Correspondence.—Fully prepaid letters which bear requests by senders for their return in case of their non-delivery by a certain date or within a specified time, must be reciprocally returned without charge directly to the dispatching exchange office, at the expiration of the period for their retention indicated in the requests.

Fully prepaid letters bearing on the covers the business card, names, addresses of the senders, or designation of places to which they may be

returned, as a post-office box, street and number, &c., without requests for their return in case of non-delivery within a specified time, must be returned without charge directly to the dispatching exchange office at the expiration of thirty days from the date of their receipt at the office of destination.

The sender of any article of mail matter may cause its return, or a change of its address, in the manner prescribed in section four hundred.

MAILS WITH THE COLONIES OF NEW ZEALAND, NEW SOUTH WALES,
QUEENSLAND, VICTORIA, AND TASMANIA.

Sec. 406. Classification of Mail Matter.—Mail matter exchanged with the colonies of New Zealand, New South Wales, Queensland, Victoria, and Tasmania, is classified as follows:

1. Letters.
2. Newspapers.
3. Other articles of printed matter, patterns, and samples of merchandise.

Postal cards are not admitted, except at letter rates.

All printed matter, except newspapers, patterns, and samples of merchandise, mailed to either of said colonies will be limited as to weight and size by the laws and regulations for domestic mail matter in the United States, and are subject to the same laws and regulations in respect to their liability to be rated with letter postage when containing written matter and in all other respects.

Sec. 407. Rates of Postage.—The single rate of letter postage between the United States and each of said colonies is twelve cents in the United States and sixpence in each of said colonies on each letter weighing half an ounce or less, and a like rate for each additional weight of one-half ounce or fraction thereof. At least one full single rate must be prepaid on all letters, and any letter prepaid less than one such rate is unmailable; but insufficiently paid letters, on which a single rate or more has been prepaid, will be dispatched charged with the deficient postage, to be collected and retained by the country of destination.

Newspapers will be charged two cents each, irrespective of weight, and must be prepaid in all cases.

All other articles of printed matter, patterns, and samples of merchandise will be charged at the rate of four cents for each weight of four ounces or fraction of four ounces, and must be prepaid in all cases.

Prepayment will be made by affixing domestic stamps of the country of origin.