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governments to the Secretary of State, who shall furnish a copy of the same to the Congressional Printer for publication; and the printed proof sheets of all such conventions shall be revised at the Post-Office Department. (R. S., § 399.)

The Postmaster-General shall transmit a copy of every postal convention to the Secretary of State for the purpose of being printed, and the printed copy thereof shall be revised by the Post-Office Department instead of by the Secretary of State. (R. S., § 3804.)

Sec. 385. Copy to Public Printer.—The Secretary of State shall furnish the Congressional Printer with a correct copy of every act and joint resolution as soon as possible after its approval by the President of the United States, or after it shall have become a law in accordance with the Constitution without such approval; and also of every treaty between the United States and any foreign government after it shall have been duly ratified and proclaimed by the President, and of every postal convention made between the Postmaster-General, by and with the advice and consent of the President, on the part of the United States, and equivalent officers of foreign governments on the part of their respective countries. (R. S., § 3803.)

Sec. 386. Duty of Public Printer Thereon.—The Congressional Printer, on receiving from the Postmaster-General a copy of any postal convention between the Postmaster-General, on the part of the United States, and an equivalent officer of any foreign government, shall immediately cause an accurate printed copy thereof to be executed and sent in duplicate to the Postmaster-General. On the return of one of the revised duplicates, he shall at once have the marked corrections made, and cause to be printed, and sent to the Postmaster-General, any number of copies which he may order, not exceeding five hundred, and to be printed separately, and sent to the two houses of Congress, the usual number. (R. S., § 3806.)

EXISTING ARRANGEMENTS.

Sec. 387. General Explanation.—The foreign countries with which the United States exchange mails are divisible into three classes, namely:

1. Those with which the exchange of mails is governed by direct postal convention.

2. Those countries which have no direct convention with the United States, but with which mails are exchanged through the intermediary service of some foreign country with which the United States have treaty relations.

3. Those foreign countries with which neither a direct convention

exists nor special relations are established through an intermediary by treaty.

Sec. 338. Treaty Relations.—The countries with which mails are exchanged in pursuance of direct postal conventions may be arranged as follows:

1. *The Universal Postal Union countries, namely:*

ARGENTINE REPUBLIC, including eastern parts of Patagonia and Tierra del Fuego, and Staten Island.

AUSTRIA-HUNGARY, including the principality of Lichtenstein.

BELGIUM.

BOLIVIA.

BRAZIL.

BRITISH INDIA: Hindostan and British Burmah (Aracan, Pegu, and Tenasserim), and the Indian Postal establishments of Aden, Muscat, Persian Gulf, Guadur, and Mandalay.

BULGARIA.

CANADA.

CHILI, including western parts of Patagonia and Tierra del Fuego.

COLOMBIA, Republic of.

CONGO, Independent State of.

COSTA RICA.

DENMARK, including Iceland and the Faroe Islands.

DANISH COLONIES:

Greenland.

St. Croix.

St. Thomas.

St. John.

DOMINICAN REPUBLIC.

ECUADOR.

EGYPT, including Nubia and Soodan.

FRANCE, including Algeria, the principality of Monaco, and French post-office establishments at Tunis, Tangier (Morocco), and at Shanghai (China).

FRENCH COLONIES:

1. In Asia, French establishments in India (Chandernagore, Karikal, Mahé, Pondicherry, Yanaon), and in Cochin China (Saïgon, Mytho, Bien-Hoa, Poulo-Condor, Vinh-Long, Hatien, Tschandok),

FRENCH COLONIES—Continued.

and the offices at Cambodia, Annam and Tonquin as appurtenant to Cochin China.

2. In Africa: Senegal and dependencies (Gorée, St. Louis, Bakel, Dagana), Mayotte and Nossi-bé, Gaboon (including Grand Bassam and Assinie), Réunion (Bourbon), Ste. Marie and Tamatave, Madagascar, and Obock, east coast.

3. In America: French Guiana, Guadeloupe and dependencies (Desirade or Descada, Les Saintes, Marie Galante, and the north portion of St. Martin), Martinique, St. Bartholomew, St. Pierre, and Miquelon.

4. In Oceanica: New Caledonia, Tahiti, Marquesas Islands, Isle of Pines, Loyalty Islands, the Archipelagoes of Gambier, Toubouai, and Tuamotou (Low Islands).

GERMANY, including the island of Heligoland.

GREAT BRITAIN AND IRELAND, including Gibraltar, Malta, the dependencies of Malta (Gozzo, Comino, and Cominotto), and the island of Cyprus, and the British Postal Agency at Tangier, Morocco.

BRITISH COLONIES:

1. In Asia:

Ceylon.

Hong-Kong, and the post-offices maintained by Hong-Kong at Kiungchow, Canton, Swatow, Amoy, Foochow, Ningpo, Shanghai, and Hankow (China).

Labuan.

Straits Settlements (Singapore, Penang, and Malacca).

BRITISH COLONIES—Continued.

2. In Africa :

British colonies on the west coast of Africa (Gold Coast, Lagos, Senegambia, and Sierra Leone). Mauritius and dependencies (the Amirante Islands, the Seychelles, and Rodrigues).

3. In America :

Antigua, W. I.
Bahamas.
Barbadoes, W. I.
Bermudas.
British Guiana.
British Honduras.
Dominica, W. I.
Falkland Islands.
Grenada, W. I.
Jamaica.
Montserrat, W. I.
Nevis, W. I.
Newfoundland.
St. Christopher, W. I.
St. Lucia, W. I.
St. Vincent, W. I.
Tobago, W. I.
Trinidad, W. I.
Turk's Island.
Virgin Isles, W. I.

GREECE, including the Ionian Isles.

GUATEMALA.

HAYTI.

HAWAIIAN ISLANDS.

HONDURAS, Republic of, including Bay Islands.

ITALY, including the Republic of San Marino, the Italian offices of Tunis and Tripoli, in Barbary, Massouah, Egypt, and Assab, Abyssinia.

JAPAN, and Japanese post-offices at Shanghai (China), and Fusam-po, Genzanshin, and Jinsen (Corea).

LIBERIA.

LUXEMBURG.

MEXICO.

MONTENEGRO.

NETHERLANDS.

NETHERLANDS COLONIES*:

1. In Asia : Borneo, Sumatra, Java (Batavia), Billiton, Celebes (Macassar), Madura, the Archipelagoes of Banca and Rhio (Riouw), Bali Lombok, Sumbawa, Flores, the southwest portion of Timor, and the Moluccas.

2. In Oceanica : The northwest portion of New Guinea (Papua).

3. In America : Netherlands Guiana (Surinam), Curaçoa, Aruba, Bonaire, part of St. Martin, St. Eustatius, and Saba.

NICARAGUA.

NORWAY.

PARAGUAY.

PERSIA.

PERU.

PORTUGAL, including the islands of Madeira and the Azores.

PORTUGUESE COLONIES :

1. In Asia : Goa, Damao, Diu, Macao, and part of Timor.

2. In Africa : Cape Verde, Bissao, Cacheo, Islands of St. Thome and Prince's, Ajuda, Mozambique, and the province of Angola.

ROUMANIA (Moldavia and Wallachia).

RUSSIA, including the Grand Duchy of Finland.

SALVADOR.

SERVIA.

SIAM.

SPAIN, including the Balearic Isles, the Canary Islands, the Spanish possessions on the north coast of Africa (Ceuta, Peñon de la Gomer, Alhucemas, Melilla, and the Chaffarine Islands), the Republic of Andorra, and the postal establishments of Spain on the west coast of Morocco (Tangier, Tetuan, Larrache, Rabat, Mazagan, Casablanca, Saffi, and Magadore).

SPANISH COLONIES :

1. In Africa : Islands of Fernando Po, Annobon, and Corisco.

2. In America : Cuba and Porto Rico.

SPANISH COLONIES—Continued.

3. In Oceanica : The Archipelagoes of the Mariana (Ladrone), and the Caroline Islands.
4. In Asia : The Philippine Archipelago (Luzon, with Manilla, Mindanao, Palawan, Panay, Amar, &c.).

SWEDEN.

SWITZERLAND.

TURKEY (European and Asiatic).

URUGUAY.

VENEZUELA, United States of.

All of which are embraced within and subject to the Universal Postal Union Convention, concluded at Paris in 1878, as amended by the additional act concluded at Lisbon, in March, 1885.

2. *The Dominion of Canada* : under the Conventions of 1851, 1856, and 1873, as amended and revised by the Convention of 1875. The latter Convention practically controls, in most particulars, the direct relations between Canada and the United States, as a special arrangement within the Postal Union.

3. *The Republic of Mexico* : under the Postal Convention of 1887, which supersedes pre-existing direct conventions, and, except as therein provided, also the Universal Postal Union Convention, in the direct relations between the United States and Mexico.

4. *The Colony of New Zealand* : under the Convention of 1870, as amended by the Convention of 1877.

5. *The Colony of New South Wales* : under the Convention of 1874, as amended by the Convention of 1875.

6. *The Colony of Queensland* : under the Convention of 1876.

7. *The Colony of Victoria* : under the Convention of 1878.

8. *The Colony of Tasmania* : under the Convention of 1886.

Sec. 389. Countries Reached through Intermediary.—The Universal Postal Union Convention provides for the exchange of correspondence between any Postal Union country and any country not within the Postal Union, by use of the mails of any Postal Union country which has such relations with the country foreign to the Union as to enable such Union country to exchange mails with the country foreign to the Union. Those countries foreign to the Universal Postal Union, with which the United States now exchange mails through the intermediary service of a Postal Union country, are the following, namely :

1. All African countries not within the Postal Union.
2. The Island of Ascension.
3. China.
4. Madagascar (except Ste. Marie and Tamatave, which are Postal Union offices).
5. The Island of St. Helena.