

Article 21.

Sec. 2. It does not restrict the rights of contracting parties to maintain and conclude treaties, as well as to establish and maintain more restricted Unions *with a view to the reduction of rates or any other improvement of postal relations.*

Articles 22, 23, 24, 25.

Nil.

Article 26.

Add the following :—

Sec. 1. "In order to be submitted for discussion, each proposal must be supported by at least two Administrations in addition to that from which the proposal emanates. When the International Bureau does not receive, at the same time as the proposal, the necessary number of declarations of support, no further action shall be taken."

Sec. 2. Amendments are not admitted.

Sec. 3. 27th, 28th, and 29th Articles have been added to the list of those which may be modified on unanimity of votes.

Sec. 5. Three months inserted in place of two months.

Article 27.

Re-arranged.

Final Protocol.

The British Government has ceded to the South African Colonies and Protectorates the vote allotted to the whole of the other British Colonies by Section 5, Article 27.

DETAILED REGULATIONS FOR THE EXECUTION OF THE PRINCIPAL CONVENTION.

In accordance with the suggestion of France, the articles have been re-arranged.

The numbers in Roman numerals indicate the Articles in the Vienna Convention Regulations.

Articles 1. 2. 3.

Nil.

Article 4.

Fixing Rates of Postage, IV.

Sec. 2. The words "or of important alterations in the value of the money," have been inserted after Great Britain. the words above-mentioned.

Great Britain and Switzerland. Section 3 of the Vienna Regulations has been struck out.

Article 5.

Exceptions in the matter of weight, XXVIII.

Nil.

Article 6.

Postage stamps (new Article.)

Austria-Hungary. (1.) The postage stamps representing the postage rates of the Union, or their equivalent in the currency of each country, are printed as far as possible in the following colours :—

Stamps of 25 centimes ($2\frac{1}{2}d.$) in dark blue.

" " 10 " ($1d.$) in red.

" " 5 " ($\frac{1}{2}d.$) in green.

(2.) Postage stamps must bear upon their face the inscription of the value they actually represent for the payment of postage on correspondence according to the table of equivalents inserted in Article 4 preceding.