

Aalesund pre-adhesive letters 1848-1854.

Introduction: Aalesund's progress, in terms of its economy and its population, led to the small seaport in the West of Norway being granted town status (kjøbstad) on April 13th, 1848. The "Spanish period" made a significant contribution to Aalesund's growth in the middle of the century, and stockfish (" Klippfisk") gradually became Aalesund's most important export. Aalesund was also the main post office of the postal district of Sunnmøre, and was of significant importance to the printers at Egseth in Volden ; these were in need of a regular conveyance and connections to the different mail services over land and sea. The very first postal handstamp used in Aalesund was a single circle date-stamp, delivered by the engraver in Christiania to postmaster Jens Lemvig Bull at the class 1 post office in Aalesund on April 19th 1848.

The exhibit intends to provide information on **mail routes and postage rates** according to the postal regulations of the pre-adhesive period 1848-1854; it includes mail to and from the postal area of Aalesund. **Some examples:** partly prepaid private letters sent abroad, money letters, official free-letters, letters not accepted to be free of charge, prepaid letters and letters to be paid on delivery. **Different manuscript markings** on the exhibited letters will be explained. From the beginning, most postmarks were struck in **black** ink; **blue** ink was introduced later. **Green or green-blue** cancels are sometimes found, and are most usual in the year 1850 on covers cancelled in Aalesund. The influence of light and chemicals, certain types of transparent envelopes and printing ink prepared by hand, are probably some of the reasons why there are a variety of shades of the impressions.

The frame: Private letters sent abroad: **(page 1-3)** Domestic covers included money letters: **(page 4-9)** Letters conveyed by different ship mail services: **(page 10-11)** Letters with manuscript markings from dispatching class 3 post offices in the local postal area, and some others manuscript markings on the covers: **(page 12-16)**

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From Aalesund by
different over-land
services "via
Romsdalen" to
Christiania , and
with "S/S Constit-
utionen" to
Helsingør in the
Copenhagen-line.



Colour: Green-blue.

Bill nr.3.

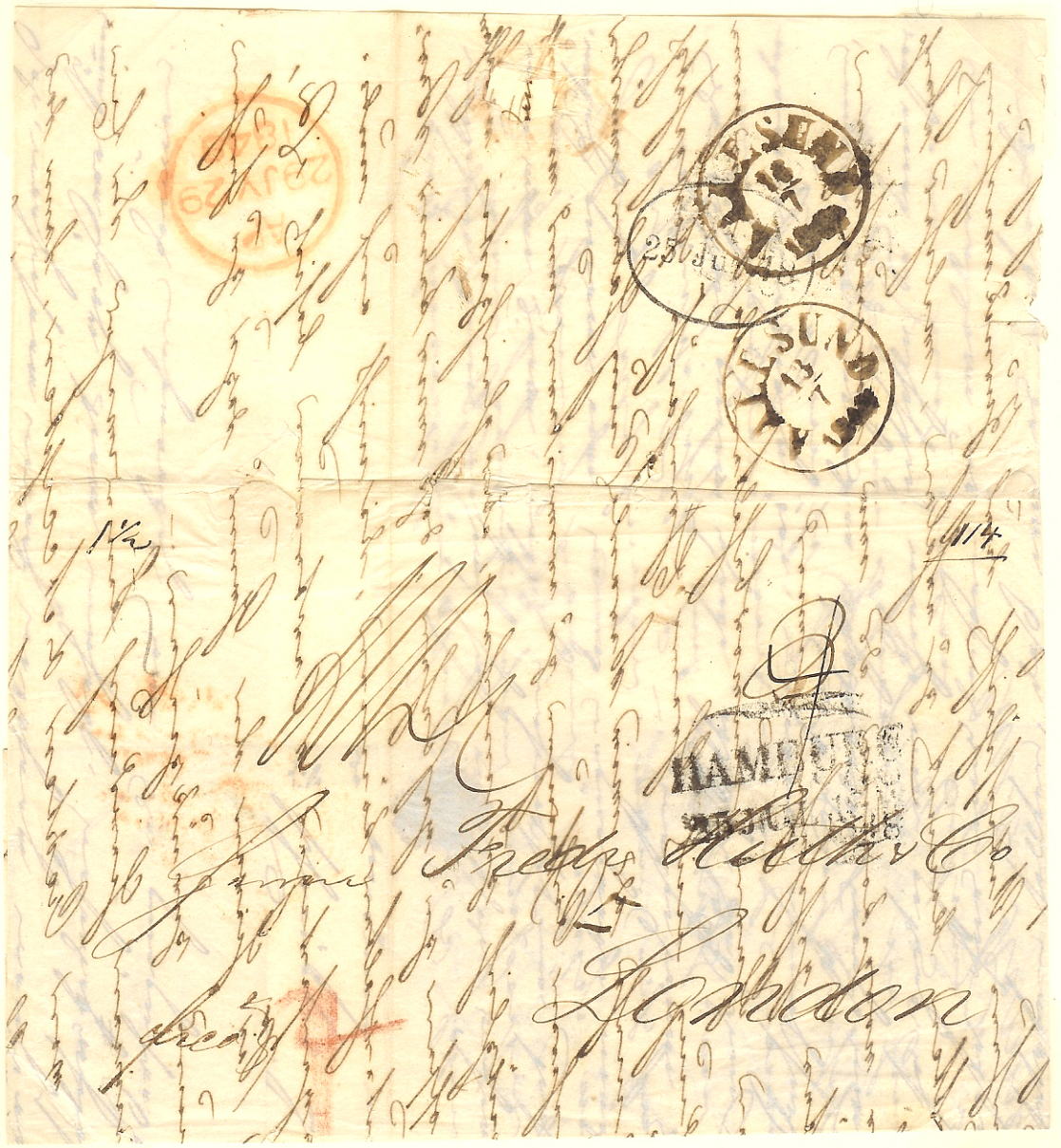
Prepaid(" Franco") letter dated August 3, 1850, from Aalesund to Helsingør (Denmark), cancelled with a green-blue strike of the single circle date- stamp "AALESUND 3/8-1850." Postage paid '23' (Sk) and weight '3/4' (lod) noted on front of cover ; bill nr. '3' endorsed on reverse. **Postage paid:** 23 Sk. for single-weight letter not exceeding 3/4 lod; comprised of 6 Sk Norwegian domestic rate for letters sent abroad, 8 Sk sea rate between Norway and Denmark and 13 ½ Rbs in Danish domestic rate, equals 9 Sk.Sp = **23Sk** in total. (Rates according to the Postal regulation of August 1848 and Danish circular of February 24, 1849).

This is the earliest recorded strike with the Aalesund single circle date-stamp in blue colour on covers sent abroad; and the only registered cover to Danmark in the pre-adhesive period 1848-1854 sent from Aalesund.

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Over-land-services Aalesund-Christiania, and sailing with " *S/S Christiania* " from Christiania to Travemünde. Because of the first Schleswig war,(1848-1851 three-year-war),the terminal of the sea voyage was moved from Kiel to Travemünde.

From Aalesund via the branch mail service to Ørskoug; to Molde with the main post presse; from Molde by the branch mail service" via Romsdalen" to Tofte, (Dovre), here connected to the main mail route from Trondhjem to Christiania. From Christiania to Travemünde with "*S/S Christiania*" on July 22; from Travemünde/ Lübeck to Hamburg, and finally by private steamer to England.



Partial prepaid("frco") double-weight letter dated July 13, 1848, from Aalesund to London cancelled with a black strike of the "AALESUND" single circle date-stamp. '114' (Sk) and weight '1 1/2' (lod) noted on front, which mean the letter has been prepaid with 114 Skilling to Hamburg, (double-weight); bill nr. '4' endorsed on reverse. The pen manuscript in black ink on lower left corner('8' Lbs) confirms the postage between Hamburg and London(English share '6' Lbs, and Hamburg Stadtpost share('2' Hamburg Schilling equal to '2' Lbs); the red crayon marking ('4' Lbs) is the double-weight Hamburg Stadtpost credit, **(Elb-postage)**; black ink marking '1/4' (1Sh-4d) on center of cover confirms the English postage due, marking '2' double-weight, and '4' (Lbs) extra fee for the transport to Altona/ Hamburg to prevent transit by France for letters addressed to England, (Circular letter of May 29, 1847). Transit postmarked Hamburg with a butterfly handstamp (type VII), and oval St.P.A. at the Hamburg Stadtpost on July 25; arrival marked in London on July 29, with a red single circle date-stamp. **Postage paid:** 114 sk for double-weight letter exceeding 3/4 lod; comprised of 18 Sk Norwegian postage +19 Sk sea-postage +12 Sk (6 Lbs) Travemünde -Hamburg and 8 Sk(4 Lbs) added for franco Altona/Hamburg, in total 57 Sk x2 = **114 Sk** (prepayment); plus 1 shilling 4 pence (1/4= 16d= 2x8d), confirming the double weight rate between Hamburg and England to be collected from the recipient in London. (Circular letter of May 22,1848). Rates according to the Norwegian postage lists of 1847, and the convention between Norway and Lübeck of May 16,1848.

This is the only registered pre-adhesive cover sent abroad with a black strike of the Aalesund single circle date-stamp.

Aalesund pre-adhesive letters 1848-1854.

The Governmental ship mail service: The Nordland line Hammerfest- Bergen, (1838-1865) The Hamburg line, (1853-1865)
The letter was conveyed by train from Hamburg to the Spanish border.

Colour: Blue.



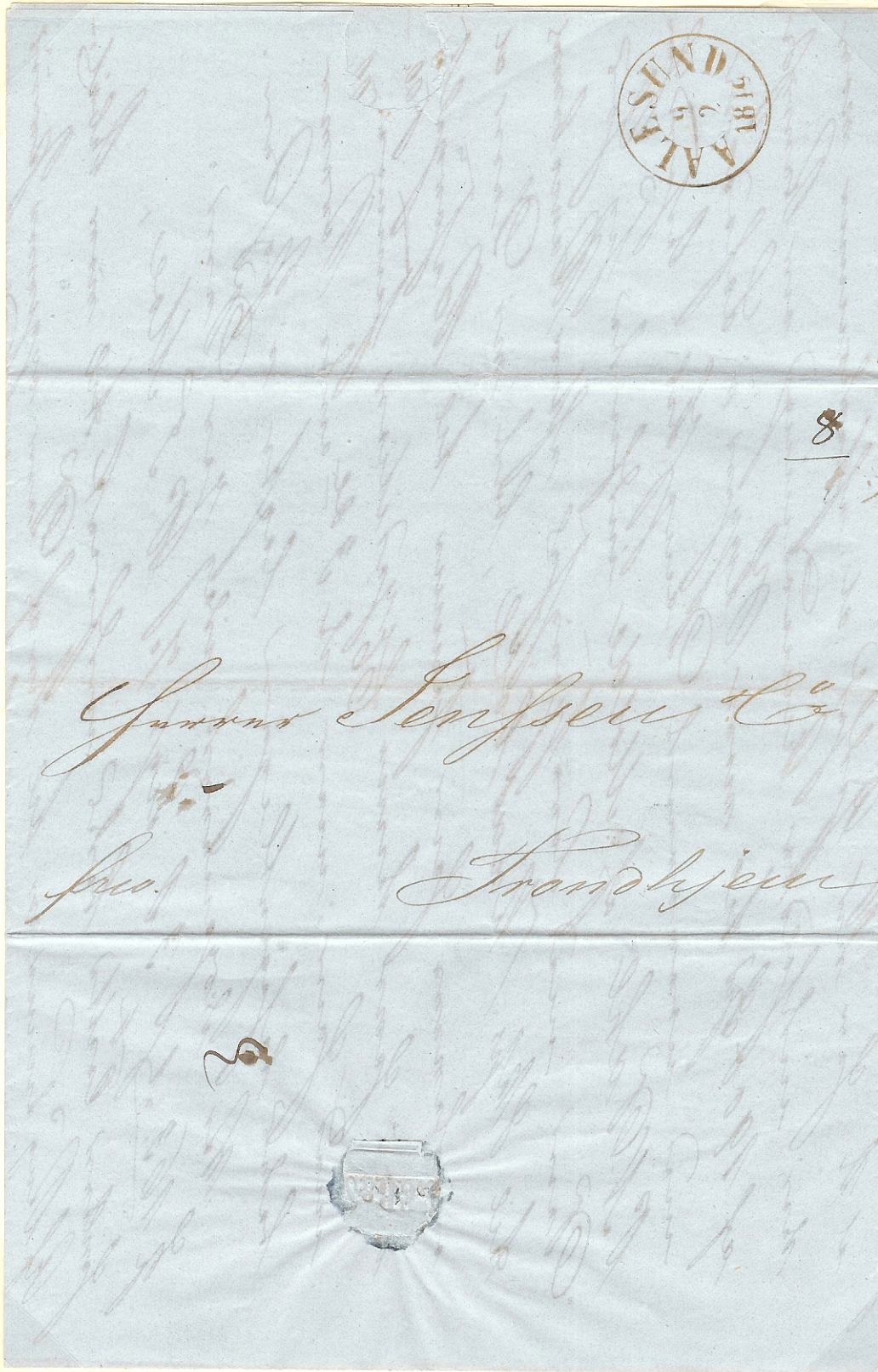
This is one out of four registered pre-adhesive letters to Spain struck with the Aalesund date-stamp in blue colour.

Partial prepaid single-weight letter of May 8, 1854, from Aalesund to Bilbao in Spain; with pen manuscript endorsement 'Espania oy Biscaia' on front, with AALESUND date-stamp in blue. From Aalesund with the coastal steamship "*S/S Prinds Gustav*" in the Nordland line on the 4th southbound trip to Bergen; from Bergen with the Hamburg line ("*S/S Bergen*") to Hamburg; transit postmarked "K.D.O.P.A. HAMBURG" (type VII) and "HAMBURG Th & T" on May 16 at the Danish and the Thurn & Taxis post offices in Hamburg, respectively, thence by Thurn & Taxis post to the French border, here supplied with French "TOUR-T. VALENCIENNES" entry stamp in blue on May 18; front of cover with inscription '32' in upper right corner and French 'P.D' (paid to destination) postmark in black ink, which confirms the letter has been prepaid with 32 Skilling to the Prussian-French border [according to the convention between Sweden/Norway and Prussia of July 1, 1852], cover marked '6 ½' (L. Sk.) in red crayon in lower left corner, which is the Prussian credit; on entry into Spain cover supplied with '9 R.' (Reales) postmark in red ink, confirming the French and Spanish postage due collectible from the addressee on delivery; reverse of cover with "BILBAO-BISCAYA" arrival handstamp on May 21.

Postage rates: 80 Sk comprised of 6 Sk Norwegian postage + 6 Sk sea-postage + 7 Sk (3 1/3 L. sk.) Danish postage + 13 Sk (6 ½ L. sk.) Prussian postage = **32 Sk** (prepayment); plus 9 Reales (weight class ½ (7.5 g)-1(15 g) lod) (1 Real = 5.30 Sk) (French share(27 Sk), and Spanish share(21 Sk) postage due) = **48 Sk**; in total **80 Sk** [according to Circular no. 19, 1853]

Aalesund pre-adhesive letters 1848-1854.

A much simplified summary listing of letters was introduced at the Class 1 and Class 2 post offices in 1849, and was of significant importance for the distribution of cancellers, by which domestic mail was also to be cancelled. The domestic postal rates were cut considerably, to 4 Sk. for single-weight letters not exceeding 3/4 lod (11,72 grams); distance < 200 km, and to 8 Sk. for similar letters travelling larger distances. (Royal decree of 29/12-1848, in effect from January 1, 1849.)



The summary lists were delayed from the postal administration in Christiania, and explain why mostly all of the letters cancelled in black ink are not to be seen before February 1849, on domestic covers. (Circular nr.5 of January 29, 1849.)

Only 8 strokes are recorded on domestic covers cancelled with Aalesund date-stamp in black colour, registered in the period of 9/2-1849-21/4 1849.

This is the earliest recorded strike of the Aalesund date-stamp in black colour on domestic covers in the 1848-1854 pre-adhesive period.

Prepaid ("frco") letter dated February 9, 1849, from Aalesund to Trondhjem; conveyed by the branch mail service to Ørskoug; here transferred to the main post service to Trondhjem; postmarked "AALESUND 9/2-1848" in black ink. Postage paid; '8' (Sk) endorsed in the upper right corner of the cover; bill nr. '3' endorsed on reverse. **Postage rate: 8 Sk** for single-weight letter not exceeding 3/4 lod; distance exceeding 200 km. (Postal regulation of August 1848)

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Over-land services Aalesund-Christiania.

A once a week branch mail service between Molde, (via Romsdalen) and Tofte, (Dovre) came in to effect from September 1822 and connected the main mail service Bergen-Trondhjem at Molde in the west, and the main mail route Trondhjem-Christiania at Tofte in the east, it became twice weekly from 1838. (Royal resolution of August 17, 1822.)

Colour: Green.

In 1826 Borgensund was renamed Aalesund, and the official post signet inscribed "Aalesund Post-contoir" was delivered from engraver G. Middeltun in Christiania; in use to 1864.



Prepaid ('betalt') money letter ('indlagt 150 Spd') dated June 22, 1850; from Aalesund to Christiania in sealed bag; conveyed in the branch mail service to Ørskoug and here transferred to the main mail service to Molde; to Tofte at Dovre by the branch mail service, and finally to destination by the main mail service between Trondhjem and Christiania. Postmarked with a single circle date-stamp "AALESUND 22/6-1850" in green colour; '20' (Skilling paid) inscribed in upper right corner; bill nr. '5' and arrival date '27-6-50' marked on reverse. The bank notes (150 Spd) were counted before enclosure and envelope sealed with 3 private and 2 official (post office's signet) seals according to instructions. **Postage paid:** 8 Sk for single-weight letter not exceeding 3/4 lod and distance exceeding 200 km, plus insurance 4 Sk (half single-weight postage) for each 50 Spd = 12 Sk, which makes a total of 20 Sk endorsed on front of cover.

Aalesund pre-adhesive letters 1848-1854.

Over-land services Aalesund-Christianiana.

Conveyed by the branch mail service Aalesund- Ørskoug (1786-1868); Ørskog – Molde by the main post expresse Bergen – Trondhjem (1786-1868); Molde via " Romsdalen" to Tofte at Dovre (1822- <) and Dovre – Christiania by the main mail route Trondhjem – Christiania (1647- <)

Colour: Ultramarine.



In 1826 Borgensund was renamed Aalesund, and the official post signet inscribed "Aalesund Postcontoir" was delive-red from engraver G. Middelthun in Christiania: in



Prepaid ('betalt') money letter ('indlagt 180 Spd') dated January 13, 1851; to Christiania in sealed bag, directly listed to the receiving post office; cancelled with a ultramarine strike of the single circle date-stamp " AALESUND 13/-1851"; '24' (Skilling paid) inscribed in upper right corner; bill nr. '7' and arrival date '17-1-51' marked on reverse. The bank notes (180 Spd) were counted before enclosure and envelope sealed with 3 private and 2 official (post office's signet) seals according to instructions. **Postage paid:** 8 Sk for single-weight letter (< ¾ lod) and distance exceeding 200 km, plus insurance 4 Sk (half single-weight postage) for each 50 Spd = 16 Sk, which makes a total of 24 Sk endorsed on front of the cover.

Aalesund pre-adhesive letters 1848-1854.

The branch mail service Aalesund-Ørskoug, and the main post expresse Bergen-Trondhjem(Molde).

Colour: Blue.



Prepaid, ('Betalt') money letter ('Banco 2 Spd') dated August 15, 1854; postmarked with AALESUND date-stamp in blue colour ; 6 (Skilling paid) and closed with 2 private seals by sender; " Under eget Segl " inscribed in the upper right corner; bill nr.' 5 ' marked on reverse .Postage paid: 4 Sk for single-weight letter not exceeding 3/4lod; distance < 200 km, plus insurance; 2 Sk (half single-weight postage < 50 Spd) = 6 Sk, endorsed on front of cover.

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'Bill nr.5'

The branch mail service Aalesund-Volden.

Colour: Ultramarine.



Prepaid ('franco') money letter dated March 29, 1851.from Aalesund to Eegseth In Volden, post-marked "AALESUND 29 /3-1851" in ultramarine ; inscribed " 3 Spd 24 Sk" and 6 sk postage paid in the upper right corner of the cover. Bill nr. '28' endorsed on reverse. The money were counted before closing the envelope, which was sealed with 3 private and 2 official (post office signet) seals according to instructions."Postage rate: 4 Sk for single-weight letter not exceeding 3/4 lod; distance < 200 km; and insured value (1/2 letter postage rate < 50 Spd) 2 sk = 6 Sk endorsed on front of cover.

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The branch mail service Aalesund- Ørskoug (1786 -1868)

Colour: Blue.



Bill nr.3.

"Ørskoug Postaabnerie" was the most important class 3 post-office in the postal area of Sunnmøre in the 1848-1854 pre-adhesive period, located at the meeting point of the branch mail service to Aalesund and the main over-land service Bergen- Molde- Trondhjem.

Prepaid ("Betalt") letter dated August 24, 1852, cancelled with a blue strike of the single circle date- stamp "AALESUND 24/8-1852", addressed to "Ørskoug Postaabnerie." Bill nr. '3' endorsed on reverse. **Postage rate:** 4 Sk was the single-weight postage for distances up to 20 miles (Zone 1), and the amount of postage is noted on the front of the letter in the upper right corner, and was paid by the sender (franco.) (Postal regulation of 1848)

The branch mail service Aalesund-Volden(1805 -1871)

Colour: Blue, with manuscript day/month.

Official free-money letter,

(Portofri Sag) dated November 16, 1853, addressed to Eegseth in Volden, postmarked "AALESUND 24/11-1852" with manuscript day/month, and " Indlagt 1 Spd 24 sk; Portofri Sag J.L.Bull, Postmester" inscribed in the lower left corner of the envelope; bill nr.'20' marked on reverse. Money was counted before enclosure and envelope sealed with 3 official (post-office's signet) seals according to instructions. The amount of the money enclosed (1Spd 24sk), was probably in payment of a subscription, or for ordering an announcement.



Conveyed by the local branch mail service between Aalesund and Volden.

A very rare envelope where the postmaster used his franking privilege; probably an accounting system between the printing press in Volden and Aalesund Postcontoir for postage and distribution of newspapers and postal matters.

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The boat post express, (1663-1859) The Nordland line, (1838-1858) The main post mail service Trondhjem – Bergen , (1786-1868) The branch post mail service Aalesund-Ørskoug, (1786-1868) The branch post mail service Aalesund-Volden,(1804-1871)
Colour: Ultramarin.

The letter was handed unsealed to the post official in Alten, manuscript single postage (1 Spd 4 Sk-"8") and "Portofri Sag"; **which means that the letter is postage free from the sender and that the receiver will pay the postage.** The notation of insurance and weight were added at the class 1 post office in Tromsø, which has approved the insurance of single postage (4Sk) even though the letter weighed 30 gr, which normally would have been charged at 10Sk (30gr. = 1,5-2 lod = 2½ postage). **The amount of the money enclosed (1 Spd,4sk), was probably in payment of a news-paper subscription.**

To the publisher of Postbudet
Volden, Avissag. (Portofri Sag).
Such letter are carried free of
charge by the post and should
preferably be sent
unsealed: **Postage is paid by the
publisher.** When payment is
included, the letter must have the
same inscription, but be brought
open to the post office, which
counts the money and seals the
letter. (From the invitation to
subscribe to Postbudet). Money
letters, where the money is
included by the post official should
be counted as **single postage +
insurance** (money letter postage).
(Circular of November 23, 1854
according to the notice of
November 21, 1804)

Unpaid money letter

(newspaper,subscription; avissag)
from Alten to Eegsæt In Volden
cancelled "ALTEN 24/1-1852",
entered bill nr. `15` and closed with
a red seal (post office's signet)
"Alten postaabnerie" ; inscribed
"Portofri Sag" in lower left corner
and "1 Spd 4 Sk – 8" in the upper
right corner; from Alten with the
westbound boat post expresse to
Tromsø, transit postmarked

"Tromsø 21/2 1852", bill nr. `9`-12(postage due),and weight (30 gr.); sent with the coastal steamship "**Prinds Gustav**" on
the 1th southbound trip to Trondhjem in the Nordland line; marked "Nordland" type 2, 4/3-1852, in transit; to Molde in
sealed bag, and retransmitted and date stamped "Molde 18/3-1852"; (bill nr `8`) in transit, and re-listed directly to
Aalesund, transferred to the branch mail service at Ørskoug; transit postmarked "Aalesund 27/3-1852", and entered bill
nr. `7` to Volden. **Postage due: 8 Sk** for single-weight letter not exceeding 3/4 lod; distance > 200 km, and insured value;
1/2 single letter rate < 50 Spd = 4 Sk; a total of **12 Sk** endorsed on reverse of the cover; to be paid by receiver.



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"S/S Gyller" in the Eastern Finmark service(1853-1868) ; "S/S Prinds Gustav" in the Nordland line(1838-1869) ; the main post overland express Trondhjem- Bergen(1786-1868); the branch mail service Aalesund- Ørskoug (1786-1868), and the branch mail service Aalesund-Volden(1805-1871)



Unpaid letter addressed to "**Bogtrykker M. Aarflot, Woldens Postabneri og Dampskibs Expedition**", handed in on the steamer "**Gyller**" in the Eastern Finmark service in Hammerfest 9/7-1853 on the 5th westbound trip to Tromsø, manuscript notation "Gyller 9-7 13.-8" (letter bill no.13 and 8 Sk postage due). Re-posted and cancelled "Tromsø 14/7-1853", and sent by the steamer "**Prinds Gustav**" by closed mail on the southbound trip nr.9 to Molde; departure Tromsø 15/7-1853 in the Nordland line. Manuscript "Tromsø 14/7" at the top of the front of the cover was added during a billcontrol in Molde, and confirms that the letter was entered on bill no. 5 on July 14, corresponding to the list made the day before the departure of Prinds Gustav from Tromsø. (Gjelsvik pers.comm and Sundsbø.s.27) Date-stamped Molde 21/7 in transit, entered bill nr. 1, and sent by the main post express to Ørskoug; here transferred to the branch mail service to Aalesund and finally cancelled Aalesund on the departure of the branch mail service to Volden, bill no.11. **Postage due**: 8 sk. for single- weight letter not exceeding 3/4 lod for distance exceeding 200 km, to be paid by the recipient.

In 1853 the Norwegian Government started a new regional steamship service from Tromsø(Hammerfest)to Eastern Finmark with the steamer "**Gyller**".This is the only registered 1853 pre-adhesive letter marked with manuscript " Gyller".

Aalesund pre-adhesive letters 1848-1854.

The West Coast ship mail Service; Aalesund- Bergen. (Vestkystruten-1841-1865.)

Colour: Green.



Bill nr.5.

Prepaid ("frit") letter dated June 16, 1850. Postmarked "Aalesund 16/6-1850" in green colour, and sent to Bergen with the steamer "*Prinds Carl*" on trip nr.5 in the West Coast ship mail service; sender's routing instruction "*pr Prinds Carl*" inscribed on front of the cover; postage paid '8' (Sk) endorsed in upper right corner; bill nr. '5' endorsed on reverse.

Postage rate: 8 Sk. for single-weight letter not exceeding 3/4 lod; distance >200 km. (postal regulation of August 1848.)

The Nordland line; Hammerfest-Bergen. (Nordlandsruten- 1838-1865.)

Colour:Blue.



Bill nr.26, and 8 Sk postage due to be paid by recipient, marked on reverse.

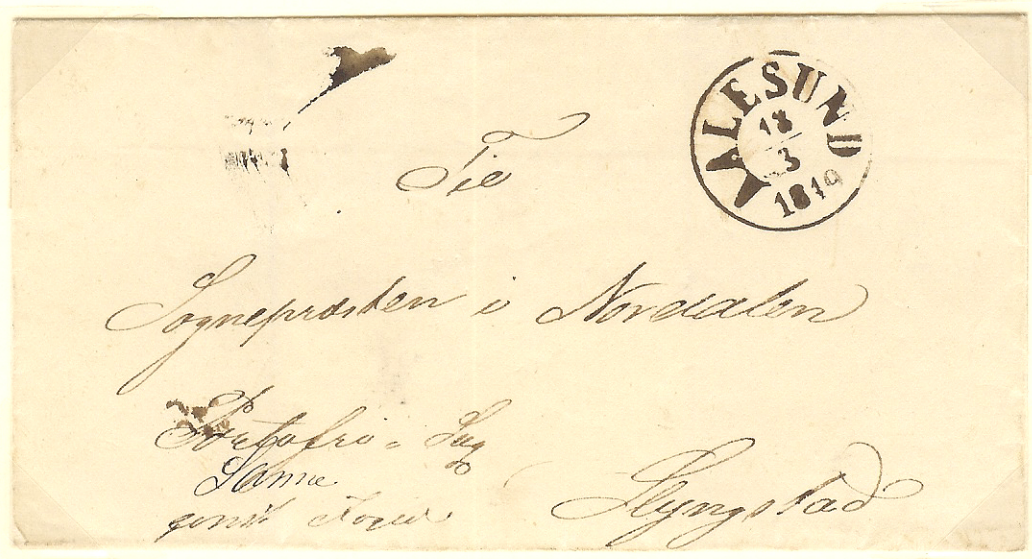
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Unpaid letter dated October 26, 1852, addressed to Bergen. Postmarked "AALESUND 26/10-1852" in blue colour, and sent with the steamer "*Prinds Gustav*" 26/10-1852 on trip nr. 15 in the Nordland line between Hammerfest and Bergen; senders routing instruction "*pr Prinds Gustav*" inscribed on front of the cover; postage due '8' (Sk) and bill nr. '26' endorsed on reverse. **Postage due:** 8 Sk. for single-weight letter not exceeding 3/4 lod; distance > 200 km; to be paid by receiver.

Aalesund pre-adhesive letters 1848-1854.

The branch mail service Aalesund- Ørskoug (1786-1868); from Ørskoug to Slyngstad (Stranden) by the main post route Bergen-Trondhjem (1786-1868); from Slyngstad (Stranden) to Norddalen by opportunity transport, (leilighetsbefordring); there was no official mail service from Stranden to Norddalen at that time.

Colour: Black.



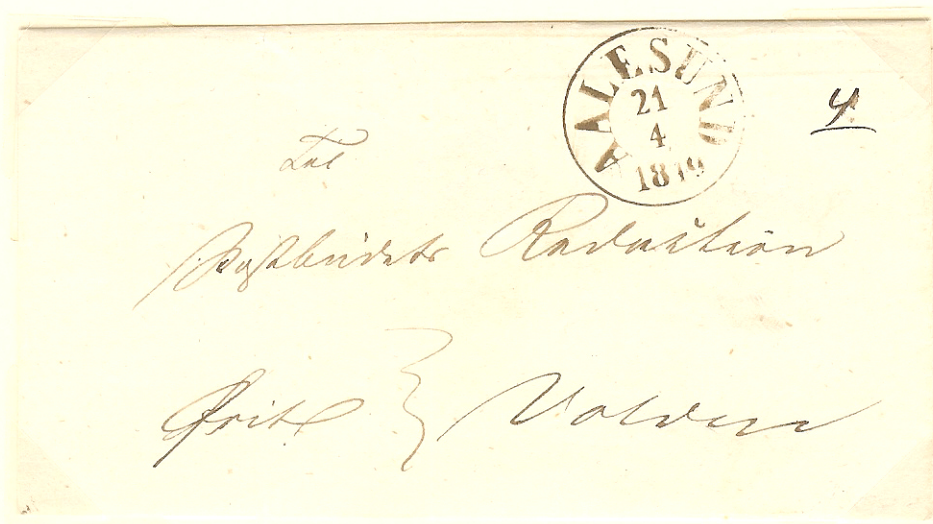
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Bill nr.3.

Official free-letter ("Portofri Sag") dated March 18, 1849, from Aalesund to Norddalen, cancelled with a black strike of the single circle date-stamp "AALESUND 18/3-1849"; marked "**Portofri Sag Sanne Const. Foged**" in the lower left corner; which means that the letter is postage free and authorized with manuscript signature by foged Sanne in Aalesund. Bill nr. '3' endorsed on reverse. (Circular letter of January 11,1849)

The branch mail service Aalesund-Volden. (Approved by Royal Resolution of March 9, 1804; in effect from May 7, 1805.)

Colour: Black.



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Bill nr.3.

Prepaid letter("fritt") dated April 21, 1849 from Aalesund to Volden, cancelled with a black strike of the single circle date-stamp "AALESUND 21/4-1849." Postage paid '4' (Sk) noted in the upper right corner of the letter; bill nr. '3' endorsed on reverse. **Postage rate:** 4 Sk. for single-weight letter not exceeding 3/4lod; distance not exceeding 200km.

This is the latest registered pre-adhesive cover with a black strike of the Aalesund single circle date-stamp.

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The branch mail services Udvigen- Selløe(1841-1871), and Aalesund-Volden, (1805-1871)

In 1823 a local branch mail service was established between "Leikanger (Leikong) in Herøy " and " Selje (Selløe) in Nordfjord", it connected with the branch mail service Aalesund-Volden. This was the first step in connecting the local branch mail services to the main over- land service at Utvik.(Bergen-Trondhjem) The branch mail service Udvigen-Selløe (Selje) was established and approved by Royal Resolution of January 12, 1841, and connected to the main post route(Bergen-Trondhjem) at Utvik in the east, and the branch mail service Aalesund-Volden in the west, including Selje. There were three main reasons why this by-post was important: 1 Better transport of post in the local postal areas from Nordfjord and Sunnmøre. 2 Military activities in the area needed better postal connection, and in general quicker carriage of official post. 3 A more rapid carriage of letters to Christiania over Aalesund- Ørskoug and Molde.

Colour: Blue.



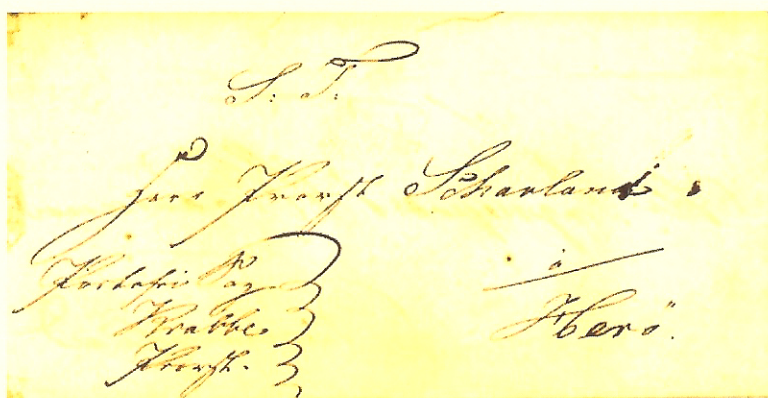
Official free-letter ("Portfri Sag") dated October 4, 1849, from Udvigen to Aalesund, with manuscript marking from dispatching class 3 post office "**Udvigen 4/10**"; bill nr.'2' and arrival postmarked "AALESUND on June 10, 1849" in blue colour on back of the cover. The letter was probably forwarded by military transport from Stryn to Udvigen (Faleide), and from Udvigen to Aalesund in the local branch mail services as described above.

Official free-letters were authorized by manuscript signature and "Portofri Sag" inscribed by sender ; on this letter signed by "Capt. Keilhau", officer in the " Nordre Bergenhus Regiment", located in Stryn. (Circular of January 11, 1849, according to Royal Resolution dated December 29/30-1848). From 1/4 -1850, "Udvigens postaabnerie" was moved to Faleide; and renamed " Indvigens Post-aabnerie" (Circular no 1, 1850)

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The branch mail services Aalesund- Ørskoug (1786-1868) and Aalesund- Volden (1805-1871), to Herø.

Official free- letter (Portofri Sag), from Ørskoug to Provst Schavland at Herø, (Søndre Søndmøre Provsti) with manuscript marking from dispatching class 3 post office dated "**Ørskoug**" **28/4-1849**"; entered bill no.1, and transit postmarked "AALESUND April 28, 1849" in blue colour at departure by the branch mail service Aalesund- Volden to Herø; closed with a red seal from "Nordre Søndmøre Provsti" in a typical official free-letter correspondence in the pre-adhesive period 1848-1854. Early strike of the blue Aalesund single circle date-stamp on domestic covers.



The branch mail service Aalesund- Ørskoug. From Ørskoug to Slyngstad (Stranden) by the main post route Bergen-Trondhjem; from Slyngstad (Stranden) to Norddalen by opportunity transport; there was no official mail service from Stranden to Norddalen at that time. Colour: Blue.

Bill nr.2, and postage due; (4 skilling) to be paid by receiver marked on back of the cover.



Pre-adhesive official letter of February 4, 1852, from Aalesund to Norddalen; with origin postmark "AALESUND" (type 1) in blue colour; marked "**Portofri Sag fra Sagfører Bendixen**" in lower left corner; postage exempt not accepted, and cover entered "2 (bill no.)-4 skilling to pay", confirming postage due collectible from the adrese'e on delivery.

Aalesund pre-adhesive letters 1848-1854.

Sent by different over- land services between Aalesund and Christiania ,and by " Vestlandsruten" to Porsgrund.

Unpaid letter dated January 20,1854 from Aalesund to Porsgrund, postmarked " Aalesund 20/1-1854" in blue ink. Postage due:16 Sk, repeated on the front of the cover as a receipt on delivery; marked with a dot after '16' to confirm payment. Entered "1(bill no.) -16 postage due",endorsed on reverse.

Postage rate: 16 Sk for double-weight letter weight 1- 1 ½- lod; distance< 200 km; to be paid by receiver.



Postage due markings on front of covers are unusual in the pre-adhesive period of 1848-1854.

The branch mail services Aalesund-Volden and Aalesund – Ørskoug , transferred to the main post expresse Bergen-Trondhjem at Ørskoug.

Colour: Blue.



Official free- letter(" Portfri Sag") dated August 12, 1853 from Wandelven to Molde with manuscript marking from dispatching Class 3 post office "**Wandelven 12/8** " ; bill nr.'7 'on back; re-listed and cancelled "AALESUND August 12, 1853" in transit, and marked bill nr.'9` on back of the cover. **The letter was closed with a red post-seal (Post-signet) inscribed " Vandelvns Postaabnerie" with the Norwegian lion; delivered from engraver Middelthun on Oktober 6, 1830.**

Aalesund pre-adhesive letters 1848-1854.

The letter was conveyed by different over- land services between Aalesund and Christiania, and over-land to Arendal by "Vestlandsruten" (winter-letter)

Colour: Blue



Blue impressions of the Aalesund single circle date-stamp are unusual in the year of 1850.

Bill nr.'1'

Prepaid ("Franco") letter dated February 16, 1850 from Aalesund to Arendal postmarked "AALESUND 18/2 1850" in blue ink. Postage paid 16 Sk and weight annotation ('1,5'), marked in the upper right corner; bill nr.'1' marked on reverse. **Postage rate:** 16 Sk for double-weight letter, weight 1-1,5 lod ; distance > 200 km. (Postal regulation of August 12, 1848)

The branch mail services Aalesund-Volden and Aalesund- Ørskoug. The main post expresse Bergen-Trondhjem. The Indherred Post: (Approved by Royal Decree of 2nd November 1804, in effect from 1st January 1805.) The Nordland Line.

Colour: Blue.



Unpaid letter dated February 21, 1850, from Ulfsteen to Brønø with manuscript marking from dispatching class 3 post office; "Ulfsteen 21/2", bill nr. '42' and transit postmarked and bill nr. '2' "AALESUND 25/2-1850" in blue ink on back of the cover. From Trondhjem in the Indherreds Post to Hildringen; letter re-transmitted, and here date-stamped "NORDLAND" type I on March 17 in ultramarine; bill nr. '9'. Manuscript "Aalesund 25/2" at the top right side of cover was applied as a bill control. (Sundsbo. S.27.) Finally sent with the coastal steamship S/S Prinds Gustav in the Nordland line to Brønø. (2nd trip) **Postage due:** 8 Sk for single-weight letter not exceeding 3/4lod; distance >200 km, to be paid by the recipient.