

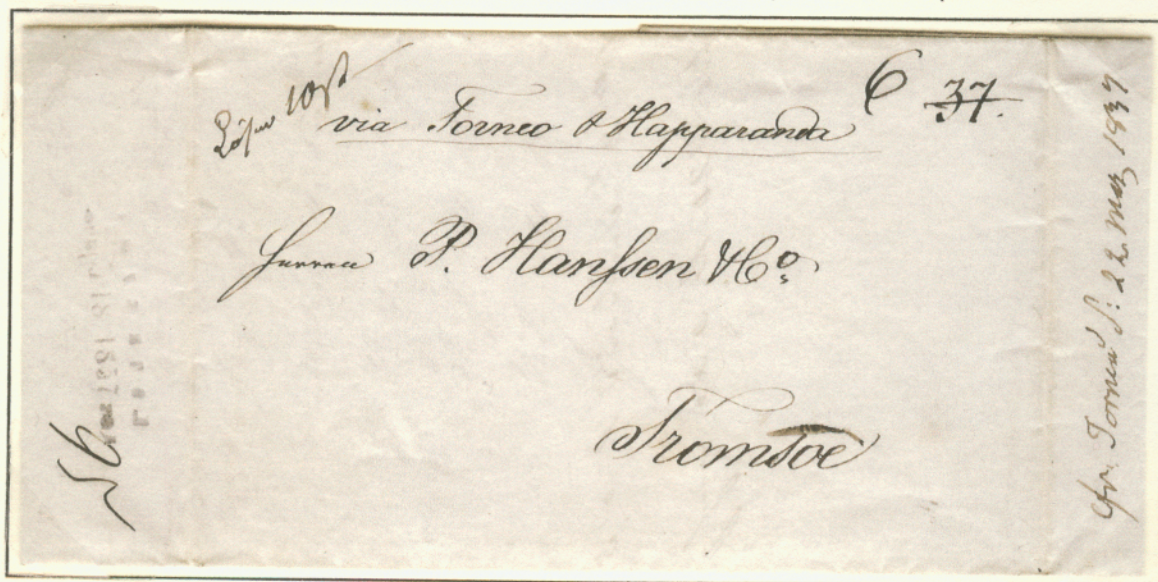
III. The Haparanda post ("Den finnmarkske vinterpost")

From 1828 to 1838, the Haparanda post was extended to a year-round service. Following the introduction of a steamboat mail service to Northern Norway in 1838, the Haparanda post was again restricted to a winter mail service

Reverse ▼



Partly paid letter of April 18, 1833, from Bremen in Germany to Tromsø in Norway, endorsement by sender "over Hapa-randa", inscribed "franco Hamburg", origin postmark "BREMEN 18 Apr 33" on front, transit back-stamped with oval "St.P.A. 18 Apr 33" (type II) at the Hamburg Stadtpost, rectangular "K.S.&N.P.C. HAMBURG 19 Apr 33" at the Royal Swedish-Norwegian post office in Hamburg, and single-line "GREIFSWALD" stamp (earliest record!) on reverse, bill nos. "94" (in Hamburg), "2" (in Greifswald) and "4" (in Ystad) on reverse; inscription "8/4" (8 Skilling = 4 Lübske Skilling) in brownish crayon on front is postage from Hamburg to Ystad. The recipient paid 44 Skilling "lösen" in Swedish transit, plus 18 Skilling Norwegian postage, plus 2 Skilling handling charge, which makes a total of 1 Rd 16 Sk, as endorsed in pen manuscript on cover



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Letter of February 18, 1837, from Archangel (Russia) to Tromsø (Norway), prepaid to Torneå; inscribed "via Torneå and Haparanda" and handstamped with linear postmark (in Cyrillic letters) "Archangel February 18th 1837" (Julian calendar, corresponding to March 3rd of the Gregorian calendar), marked "95" in manuscript, which is the postage paid in kopek assignat from Archangel to Torneå; transit postal manuscript "Torneå on March 22, 1837" on reverse; inscribed bill. nos. "37" (Torneå) and "6" (Haparanda) and "Lösen 10 Sk Bco" (to be paid for the Swedish transit)