

IV. The Norwegian - Swedish mail route from Alten to Karesuando



Letter of November 3, 1866, from Kåfjord in Finmark to Turku in Finland; prepaid to the Swedish-Finnish border, franked with 8 sk Coat of Arms 1863 (NK 9) origin postmarked "KAUFJORD" and transit postmarked "ALLEN" on November 6; from Alten to Karesuando and to the Swedish-Finnish exchange post office in Haparanda; here marked with letter bill '1' in upper right corner; from Haparanda via Torneå to Åbo (inscribed "Åbo" in manuscript on front) to Turku; with receiving postmark "ANK 3-12" on front
Postage paid: Norwegian postage 5 Sk, plus Swedish postage 3 Sk = 8 Sk 'e'

This is the only registered letter sent via this route to Finland in the skilling period



Reverse ▲

Letter card from Utsjok in Northern Finland to Helsingfors in Southern Finland, sent via Karasjok in Norway and here franked with 5 øre post horn (NK 52 I) x 3 postmarked "KARASJOK x-8-1888"; from Karasjok via the mail route across Finnmarksvidda to Alten; from Alten with the Norwegian-Swedish post expresse to Karesuando; in Sweden transit marked "ÖFVERTORNEÅ" on September 1, "HAPARANDA" on September 3, and "TORNEÅ" at the Swedish - Finnish border on September 4; with receiving postmark "HELSINGFORS" on September 6