

V. The local overland post expresse from west to east

A resolution of July 16th 1812 stated that from November through March a winter mail post should depart from Alten(gaard) over land to Eastern Finmark via Karasjok, Polmak, Nyborg and Vadsø to Vardø(huus). The post expresse went with reindeers and sleigh. The route was suspended in 1895



Prepaid single-weight domestic letter of February 3, 1855, from Bergen to Vardø, franked with 4 Sk Coat of Arms I tied with 11 bar gridiron postmark and cover side-marked with date-stamp "BERGEN" in blue; sent with the coastal steamship S.S. Prinds Gustav from Bergen via Trondheim to Tromsø (1st trip in 1855); the mail sac was opened in Tromsø and letter transit marked "TROMSØ" on February 18, transferred to the eastbound boatpost expresse to Alten; from Alten with the winter mail post expresse across Finnmarksvidda to its final destination at Vardø(hus) in Finmark



Domestic letter of October 29, 1855, from Nyborg in Finmark to Christiania; franked with 4 Sk Coat of Arms I tied with gridiron postmark, cover with postal manuscript "Nyborg 29-10-1855" and bill. no."16" from the dispatching post office; sent via the winter mail route across Finnmarksvidda, transit postmarked "ALTEN" (type 1) on November 11 at the superior re-transmitting Class 2 post office in Alten