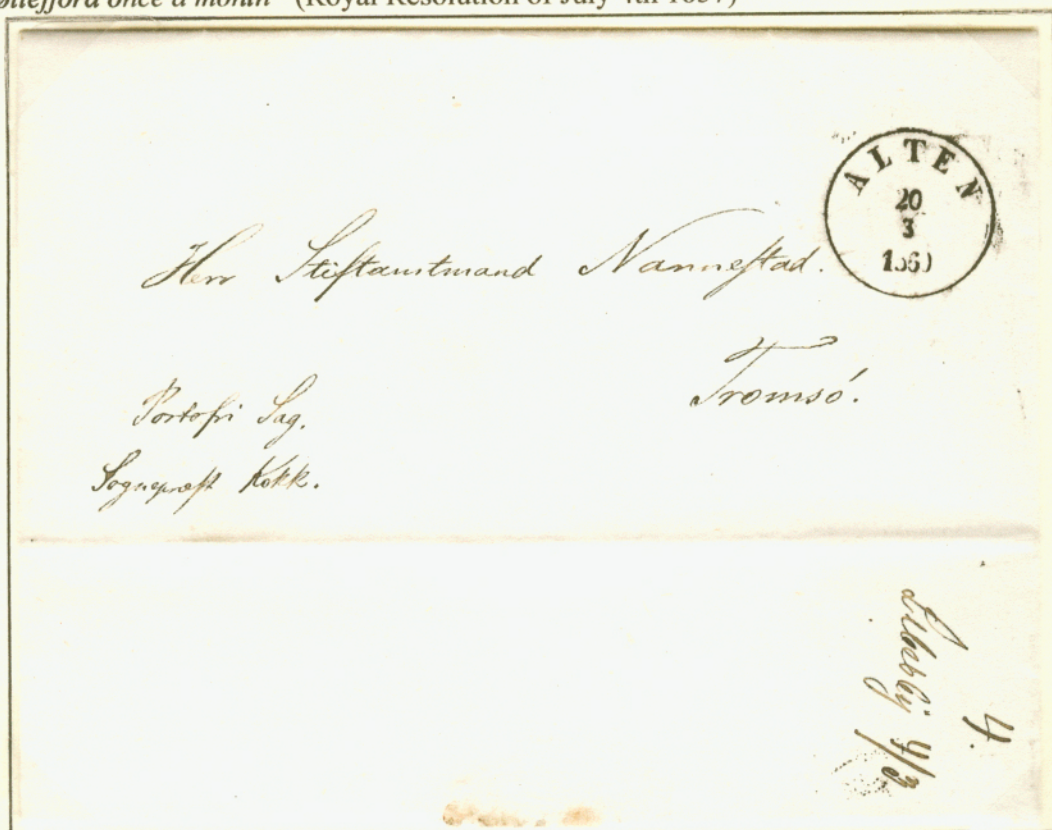


## VI. The branch mail services

Tanen - Lebesby - Hopseidet - Kjøllefjord 1842 - 1898

"In the period of the year when no mail carrying steamship travels the route between Tromsø - Hammerfest and Vadsø, a branch mail service by a walking mail carrier will take place every second week between Tanen and Lebesby, and from Lebesby to Hopseidet to Kjøllefjord once a month" (Royal Resolution of July 4th 1857)



◀ Reverse

Official free-letter ("Portofri Sag") of March 4, 1860, from Lebesby to Tromsø, with postal manuscript "Lebesby March 4" in manuscript on reverse, sent via the branch mail route from Lebesby to Tanen, and from Tanen to Nyborg, where it has been transferred to the main westbound post expresse; transit postmarked "ALTEN" on March 20



Unpaid local letter of January 12, 1872, from Lebesby to Lerpollen in Finmark, with origin postmark "LEBESBY", sent via the branch mail service to Lerpollen in Tanen, marked "5" (skilling to pay) in blue in upper left corner; letter not paid on arrival and is therefore returned to Lebesby; from Lebesby to Tanen to Nyborg, where it is transferred to the main post expresse over land to Vadsø; with receiving postmark "VADSØ" on January 31 and pen annotation "Indsendt som uindløst fra Tanen. Krogh" (sub-postmaster in Vadsø)