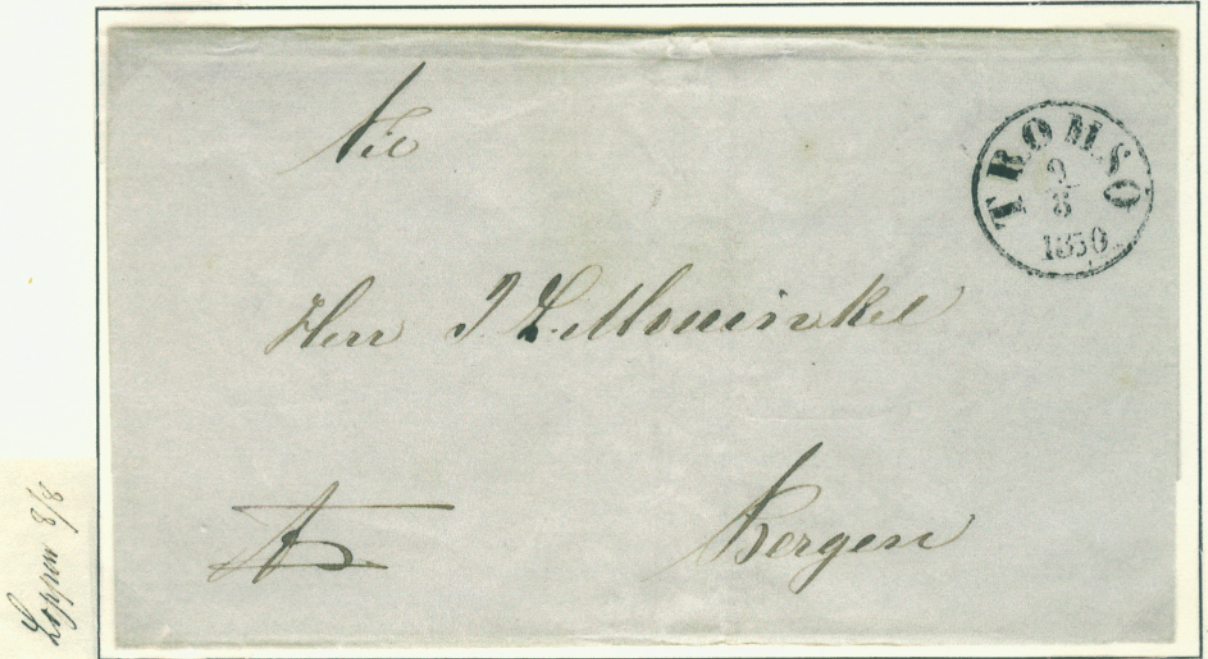


VI. The branch mail services

Loppen - Sørvær - Hasvig 1850 - 1852

"In the months of March, April, May, June, July, and August, a branch mail service to Hasvig will depart from a given place in the main route whenever the coastal steamship is sailing" (Royal Resolution of January 9th 1850). In a letter of January 24th from the Norwegian post administration the postmaster in Tromsø was informed that Loppen was destined a departure place for a boatpost branch mail service to Hasvig whenever Hasvig was not called at by the steamer



Prepaid single-weight domestic letter of August 6, 1850, from Sørvær to Bergen, sent via the branch mail service from Hasvig to Loppen by boat; with postal inscription "Loppen 8/8" in manuscript on reverse; from Loppen with the coastal steamship S/S Prinds Gustav on the 8th southbound trip; transit postmarked "TROMSØ" on August 9 in black

Reverse ▼



Unpaid single-weight domestic letter from Sørvær (inscribed by receiver on back of cover) to Bergen, sent by open boat via the branch mail service to Loppen, with postal manuscript "Loppen 25 Aug 52" and "11 (bill no.) - 8 (Sk to pay)" on reverse; from Loppen with the coastal steamship S/S Prinds Carl in the Nordland line (12th southbound trip); transit postmarked "TROMSØ" on August 26 in blue ink

Postage due for distance > 200 km was 8 skilling [Postal regulation of August 12, 1848]