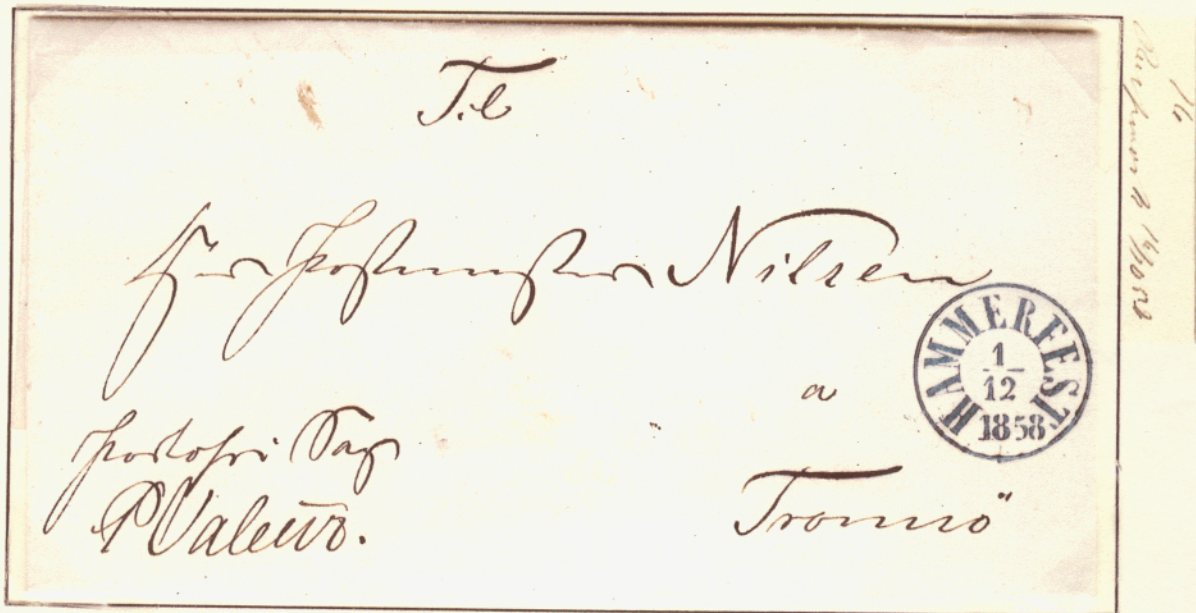


VI. The branch mail services

Olderfjord - Russemark 1855 - 1865

"Each time mail from Hammerfest arrives in Olderfjord (every 3rd week) in winter, a mail expresse will leave from Olderfjord to Russemark in Kistrand parish and back again" (Circular letter of October 27th 1855, General post administration)



Official free-letter ("portofri Sag") of October 16, 1858, from Russemark to Tromsø; with postal manuscript "Russemark 16-10-58" and bill no. "16" from dispatching post office on reverse, transit postmarked "HAMMERFEST" on December 1

Rolvshamn - Ingø 1861 - 1894

"A boatpost expresse sails from Rolvsøhamn to Ingø each time post arrives at Rolfsø (Tufford) from Hammerfest on the eastward trip with the coastal steamship (Royal Resolution of October 12th 1861)



Undelivered domestic letter opened by the General post administration in Christiania, enclosed in new envelope affixed returned letter stamp (NK R 1y) postmarked "CHRISTIANIA" on January 12, 1882 and returned to the presumed sender in Tufford in Finmark. In Tufford, cover inscribed "recipient not in Tufford" in manuscript and letter forwarded with the branch mail service from Rolvsøhamn to Ingø; here inscribed "sender not known" and postmarked "INGØ" (cds) on February 18