

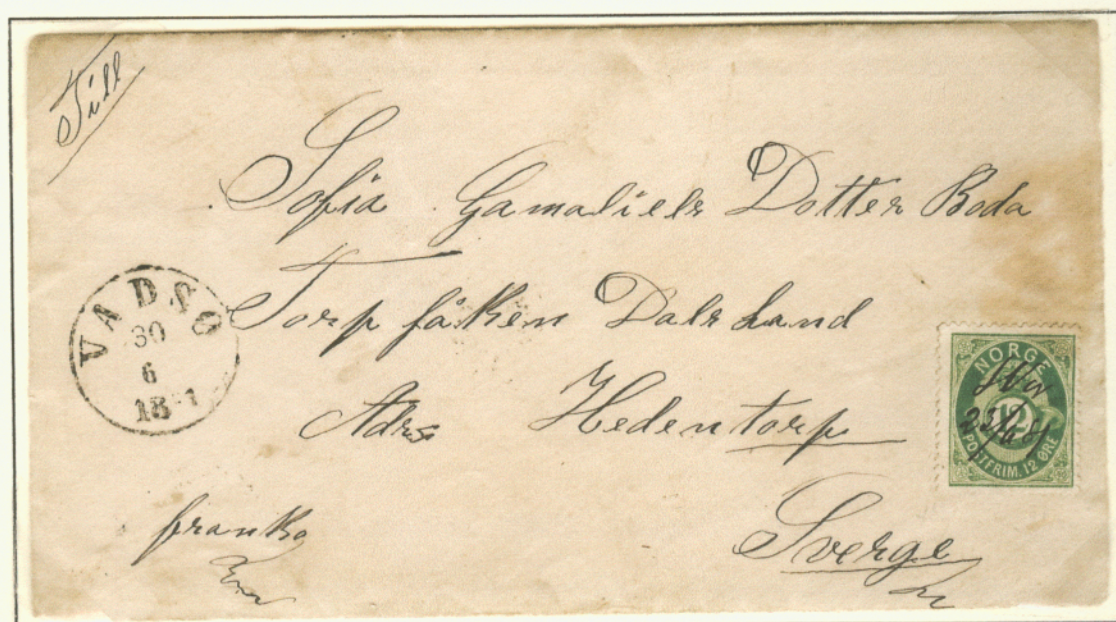
## VI. The branch mail services

Sydvaranger - Vadsø 1859 - 1898

In 1859, a monthly branch mail service was set up from Sydvaranger to Vadsø (Royal Resolution of September 1st 1858), followed by the establishment of a new Class 3 post office in Sydvaranger on January 1st 1859. Sydvaranger post office got its first date-stamp (2-ring) in 1883



Official free-letter, marked "portofri", from Sydvaranger to Tromsø, cover with postal manuscript "SVgr. 1-12-65" from despatching post office, sent with the branch mail service to Vadsø, transit postmarked "VADSØ" on December 21; from Vadsø with the main winter post expresse over land to Alten, and with the steamship in the Nordland line to Tromsø



Prepaid letter of June 23, 1861, from Syd-Varanger in Finmark to Hedentorp in Sweden, franked with 12 øre post horn postmarked "SVgr 23-6-81" in pen manuscript at the despatching post office; transit postmarked "VADSØ" on June 30, with Swedish railway post-mark "PXP No 7. NED 9-7-1881" on reverse.

Postage rate for single-weight letter (< 15 g) to Sweden: 12 øre [from 1-1-1877 to 1-1-1885]