

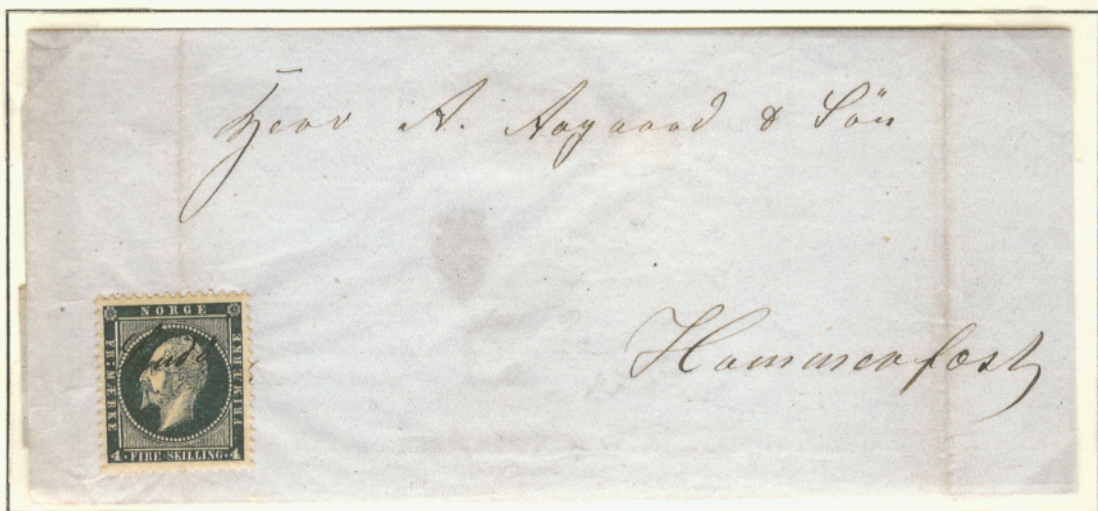
## VI. The branch mail services

Hammerfest - Sandø - Galten 1862 - 1894

In 1862, a branch mail service was set up from Hammerfest to Sørøya in Western Finmark. Mail was sent by boat to Lotre on the Eastern side of Sørøya; then by a foot post westwards to Båtsfjord; from Båtsfjord to Sandø and Kobberdal by boat; from Kobberdal southwards across the mountains to Pompervika in Dønnesfjord by foot, and from Pompervika by boat to the final destination in Galten at the outermost western shore of Sørøya



Local letter franked with 4 skill Oscar cancelled with pen strokes and cover with postal manuscript "Galten 22-3" on reverse, sent via the branch mail service from Galten to Hammerfest; stamped in transit "HAMMERFEST" on March 26; from Hammerfest with the coastal steamship in the Nordland line to its final destination in Tromsø



Local letter franked with 4 skill Oscar postmarked "Sandø" in manuscript and cover with postal manuscript "Sandø 19-5-62" on reverse; sent via the local foot and boatpost service from Sandø via Galten to the recipient in Hammerfest. The letter has no additional transit postmark as it has not passed any superior post office