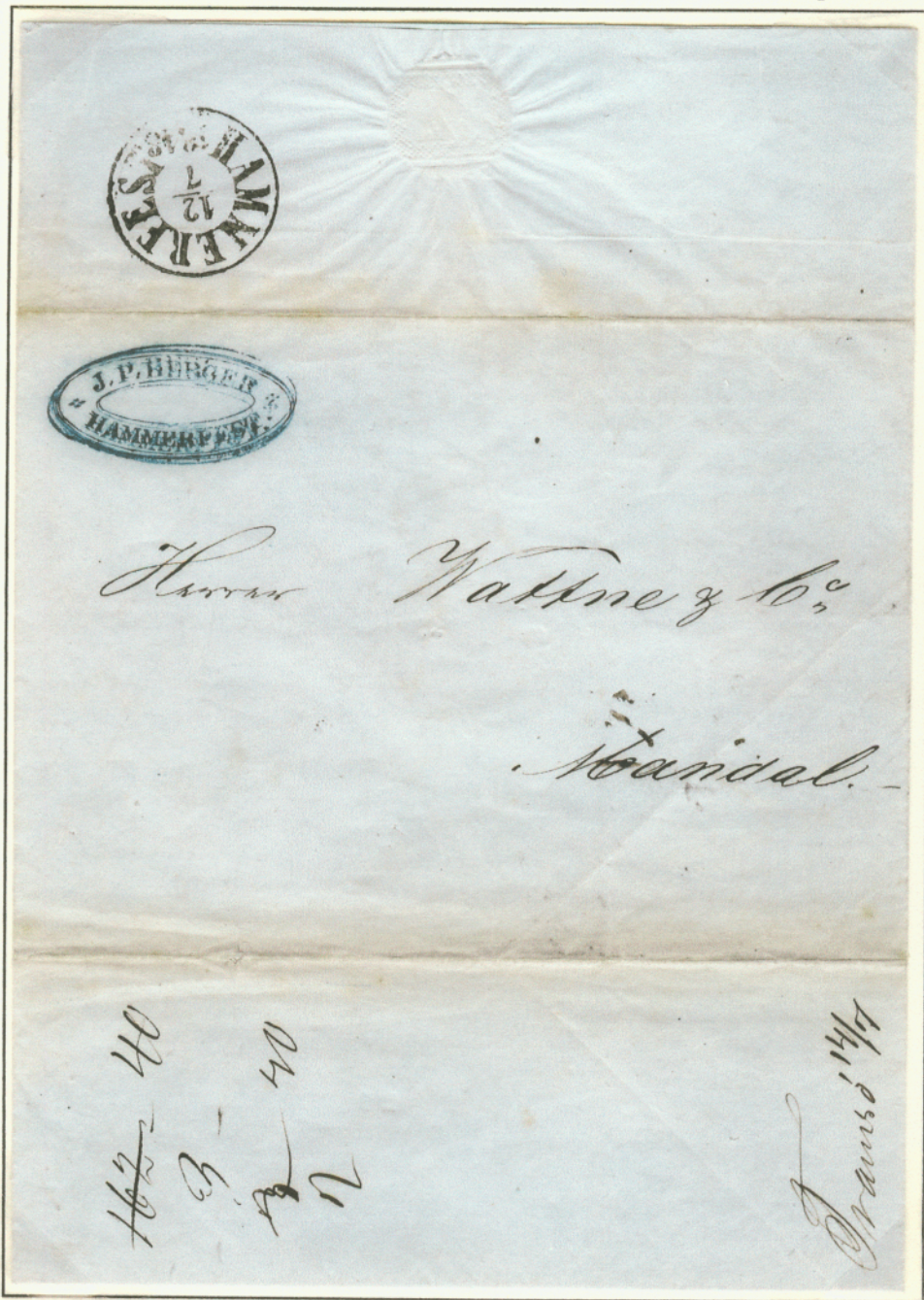


## Circular dated handstamp type 1:

Hammerfest

The very first postal handstamp in use in Finmark was a 1-ring circular date-stamp, delivered by the engraver in Christiania to sub-postmaster Lorentz Broderius Jørdening at the Class 3 post office in Hammerfest on April 26th 1848

Reverse ►



◀ Reverse

Unpaid letter of July 12, 1848, from Hammerfest to Mandal, postmarked "HAMMERFEST 12-7-1848" in black ink and inscribed "162 (bill no.) - 40" (Skilling to pay) on back; transit postmarked "Tromsø 14-7" in pen manuscript at the superior re-transmitting post office in Tromsø, re-listed twice (no. 3, no. 2) on the route with coastal steamers to Mandal in southernmost Norway

Postage due: Hammerfest -Nordland post office 16 Sk, plus Nordland -Mandal 24 Sk, which makes a total of 40 Sk (endorsed on reverse)

**This is the earliest recorded use of this date-stamp**