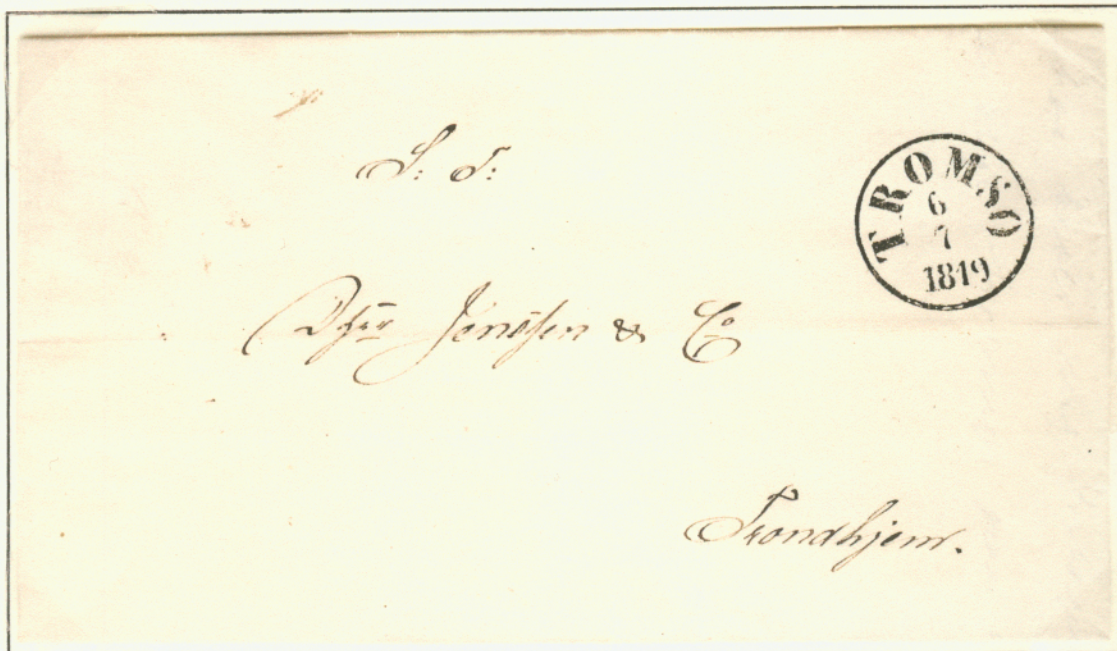


Circular dated handstamp type 1:

Tromsø

In 1850 Tromsø Class 1 post office was the superior re-transmitting post office for four Class 3 post offices ("poståpnerier") in Finmark. Tromsø post office got its first 1-ring circular date-stamp in June 1848. In the first year the date-stamp was reserved for letters sent to foreign destinations. Following the introduction of summary listing of letters on letter bills by January 1st 1849, the date-stamp was now allowed to be used to postmark domestic letters as well



Postage due domestic letter of July 6, 1849, from Tromsø to Trondheim, with despatch postmark "TROMSØ" date-stamp in black ink and inscribed "57 (list no.) - 8 (skilling to pay)"; sent with the coastal steamship in the Nordland line to Trondheim. Postage rate: 8 Sk (for distance > 200 km) [Postal regulation of August 12, 1848; in effect from January 1, 1849]



Prepaid letter of September 23, 1854, from Tromsø to Copenhagen (Denmark), postmarked with "TROMSØ" date-stamp in blue ink and inscribed "franco", sent via Christiania and by steamship to Denmark. Postage rate from Norway to Denmark = 15 Sk [from January 1, 1852 to January 1, 1860]

Two preadhesive letters to foreign destinations marked with the blue Tromsø date-stamp are registered; one to Denmark (above) and one to Finland