

Circular dated handstamp type 1 on 4 Sk Coat of Arms I :

The gridiron handstamps were withdrawn in January 1856 in order to be re-engraved to numeral cancellers. The postmasters and sub-postmasters who had got circular date-stamps in the pre-adhesive and early adhesive period, were now instructed to use the old date-stamps to cancel both postage stamp and cover (side-mark) (Circular letter of January 26th 1856)



Cover of July 2, 1856, from Hammerfest to Tromsø, franked with 4 Sk Coat of Arms I post-marked "HAMMERFEST" on July 2 in **black ink**; cover not side-marked with the date-stamp in accordance with instruction



Cover of August 14, 1856, from Vadsø to Bergen, franked with 4 Sk Coat of Arms I, with origin postmark "VADSØ" cds on August 14 in **blue ink** and correctly side-marked with the same date-stamp in **blue**; sent with S/S Gler in the Eastern Finmarken service (15th westbound trip) to Hammerfest; from Hammerfest southwards with the coastal steamship S/S Prinds Carl in the Nordland line (23rd trip); letter re-transmitted at the first superordinate Class 1 post office in Tromsø and here date-stamped "TROMSØ" in ultramarine on August 24; on arrival in Bergen front marked with "1" in red crayon [= 1 Sk carriers fee] to be collected from the recipient