

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

Six post offices in Finmark, *e. g.* Tromsø, Alten, Hammerfest, Vadsø, Vardø, and Kaafjord, had received date-stamps in the preadhesive and early adhesive period. These date-stamps were now used to cancel the new postage stamp. The date-stamp from Vardø, delivered on March 28th 1854 to sub-postmaster E. Rein at Vardø Class 3 post office, is so far not recorded on 4 Sk Coat of Arms I



"TROMSØ
23-2-1856"
in black



"TROMSØ
25-6-1856"
in ultramarine



"ALTEN
20-7-1856"
in black
2 copies known



"VADSØ
15-4-1856"
in ultramarine



"VADSØ
8-8-1856"
in blue 'e'



"HAMMERFEST
9-4-1856"
in blue



"HAMMERFEST
27-5-1856" in black
variety "double foot"



"HAMMERFEST
22-7-1856"
in black 'e'



"HAMMERFEST
X-7-1856"
in black



"KAAFJORD
13-1-1856"
in black
3 copies known

Pen strokes, crosses and manuscript cancellations on 4 Sk Coat of Arms I:

The smaller Class 3 post offices, who had no date-stamps to be used, were instructed to use pen and ink to cancel the new postage stamp. Some sub-postmasters decided to cancel the postage stamp with pen strokes, some used pen crosses, and still others wrote the name of the post office (and date) in pen manuscript directly on the postage stamp



Pen strokes



Pen cross



"Hfes" 'e'
(Hammerfest)
only copy known



"Hasvig
13/7-56"
only copy known



"Rolfshavn
7/6-56"
2 copies known