

Tromsø was the principal town (administrative center) of the extended Finmarken amt from 1789 to 1866. The town got "kjøbstad" ownership in 1794. A 1-ring circular date-stamp was delivered to the post office in June 1848 (type 1), a numeral canceller "312" in August 1856 and a second 1-ring circular date-stamp (type 2) in December 1858

### Circular dated handstamp type 2: small letters

Double-weight cover of August 1, 1859, from Tromsø to Bremen in Germany, franked with 4 Sk plus 5 x 8 Sk Oscar (44 Skilling); post-marked "TROMSØ" (type 2); inscribed "2" (double-weight) in red crayon and back-stamped "KDOPA HAMBURG" at the Danish post office in Hamburg and with "HAMBURG" butterfly handstamp at the Hamburg Stadtpost on August 15; with receiving boxed



"BREMEN" handstamp on August 16 on reverse.

Postage paid: 32 Sk for double-weight by steamship to Hamburg; 12 Sk German overland porto to Bremen (2nd zone), entered as "2" (single-weight; in silbergroschen) but corrected to "4" (double-weight) in red crayon at the German post office in Hamburg, which makes a total of 44 Sk [summer postage rate for a double-weight letter to Bremen (2nd zone) from January 1, 1855, to August 10, 1865] **Unique 'e'**



Letter of October 15, 1861, from Tromsø to Hamburg, franked with 2 x 8 Sk plus 4 Sk Oscar origin post-marked "TROMSØ" (type 2) and sent next day with S.S. Prinds Gustav in the Nordland line (30th south-bound trip) to Trondheim; transferred to S.S. Nordstjernen in the Trondheim-Hamburg-line on October 24, arriving at the Hamburg Danish post office (back-stamped "K.D.O.P.A. HAMBURG") on October 31.

Postage paid: 20 Sk, which is the winter postage rate for a single-weight letter to Hamburg [from January 1, 1860, to August 10, 1865]; however, since the letter has been transmitted with steamship from Trondheim (postage rate: 16 Sk), it has been overpaid with 4 Sk