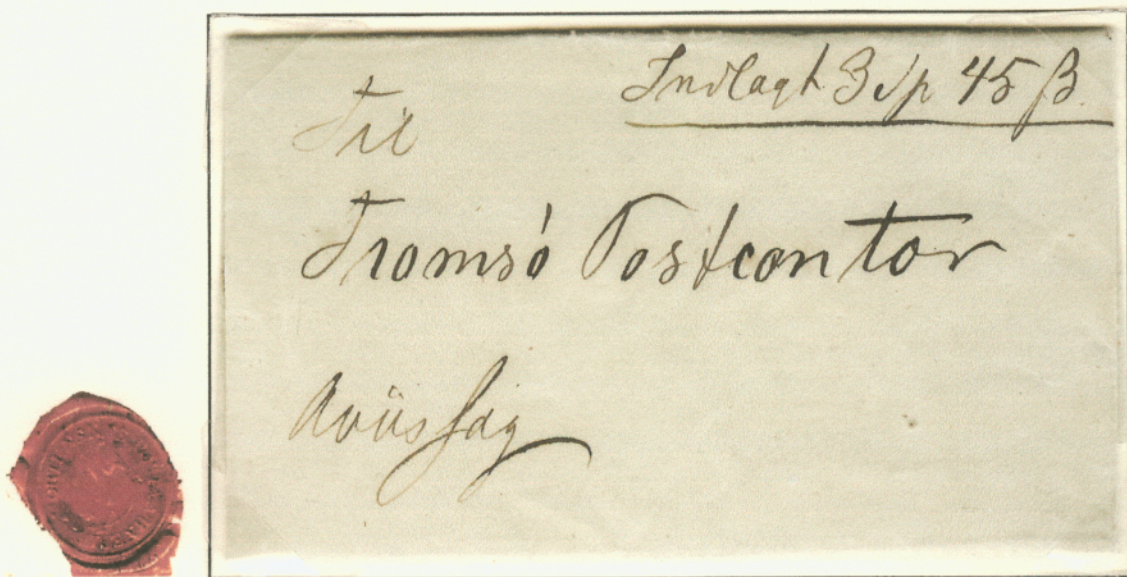


## I. The boatpost expresse

A Royal Resolution of July 16th 1812 stated that an eastbound boatpost expresse should depart from Alten(gaard) to Vardø every 6th week from April to October. Three post expresses, each with two rowsmen, should alternate in the route



Money letter dated Mortensnæs August 20, 1849 (inside), from Vadsø to Tromsø; cover inscribed "Indlagt 3 Sp 45 Sk" on front and red "Mortensnæs postaabnerie" seal on back; sent with the westbound boatpost expresse.

Postage paid: 10 Sk for triple-weight letter (1,5 - 2 lod; distance > 200 km); registration 4 Sk; insured value (1/2 letter postage rate < 50 Speciedaler) 5 Sk, making a total of 19 Sk, inscribed on reverse



Unpaid domestic letter of January 1, 1852, from Vadsø to Trondheim, with origin postmark "VADSØ" and entered 130 (bill no.) - 8 (Sk - postage to pay; distance > 200 km) on reverse; sent via the winter mail route across Finnmarksvidda to Alten and here transit postmarked "ALTEN" on November 22 ; from Alten with the boatpost expresse to Tromsø and Nordland p.o.; from Nordland p.o. conveyance overland to Trondheim. The recipient has written "received December 26th" on back of cover, confirming a 5 week journey by boatpost from Alten to Trondheim