

XI. Class 3 post offices

LOPPEN

Loppen "postaabnerie" (Class 3 post office) was established back in 1806, but was laid down twice before it re-appeared in the early 1840'ies. In addition to offering a mail service to this small fishing village on the western coast of Finmark, Loppen was the outlet place for two branch mail services; one to Sørøya island (by boat), and one over land to Sopnes, where it joined the main mail route through Finmark. The post office was supplied with a gridiron handstamp in 1855, a numeral canceller "185" in 1856, and a circular dated handstamp in 1859



Prepaid local letter of April 19, 1864, from Loppen to Hammerfest, franked with 4 Sk Oscar, postage stamp and cover with origin postmark "LOPPEN" in black



Prepaid domestic letter of April 25, 1867, from Loppen to Trondheim, franked with 4 Sk Coat of Arms II, numeral postmarked "185" (late usage!) and cover with origin postmark "LOPPEN" in black; in Trondheim marked "1" [= 1 Sk delivery fee] in red crayon on front to be collected from the recipient