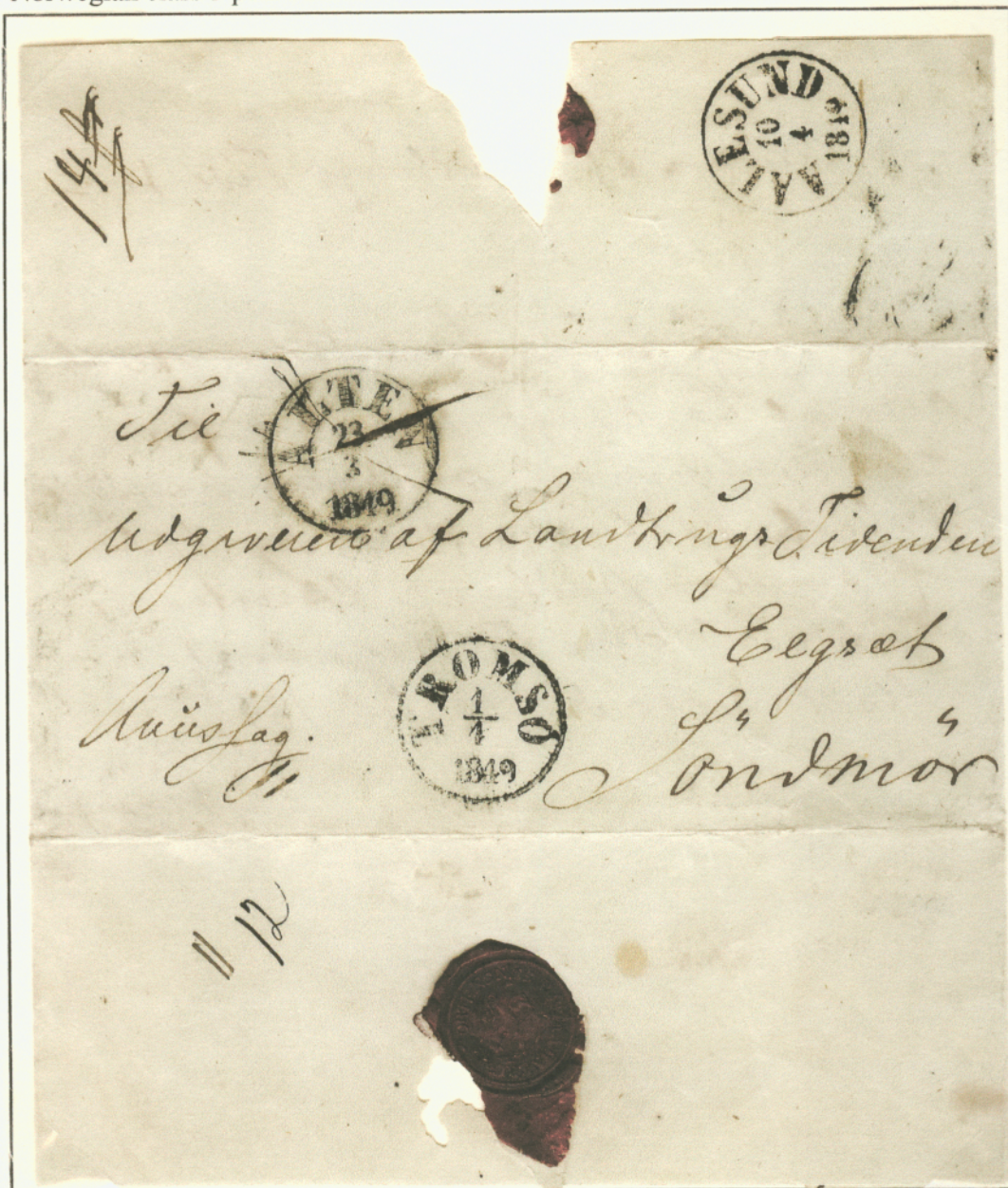


Mortensnæs post office was established in a departmental letter of June 16th 1836. A post signet with text "Mortensnæs postaabnerie" was sent from the Norwegian postal administration in Christiania to the sub-postmaster at Mortensnæs, Mr. Christian Andersen Nordvi, on July 7th 1836. The sub-postmaster generally used the official seal to annotate the dispatched letters from this small post office. The post office was laid down in April 1854, five years prior to the delivery of dated handstamps to most Norwegian class 3 post offices



Unpaid domestic letter ("Avislag") dated Mortensnæs on February 16, 1849 (inside), from Mortensnæs in Finmark to Eegsæt on Søndmør, entered bill no."11" and closed with red seal "Mortensnæs postaabnerie" at the dispatching post office, sent via the overland winter mail route across Finnmarksvidda, re-transmitted and transit postmarked "ALTE" on March 23, 1849; from Alten with the westbound boatpost expresse to Tromsø, here entered bill no. "12" and transit postmarked "TROMSØ" on April 1; from Tromsø with the coastal steamship "Nordcap" in the Nordland line (2nd southbound trip to Trondheim); from Trondheim with the western coastal steamship to Aalesund, transit postmarked "AALESUND" on April 10, and entered bill no.14 on the final trip to Eegsæt.

Postage due: 8 Sk (distance > 200 km) [postage rate from January 1, 1849]