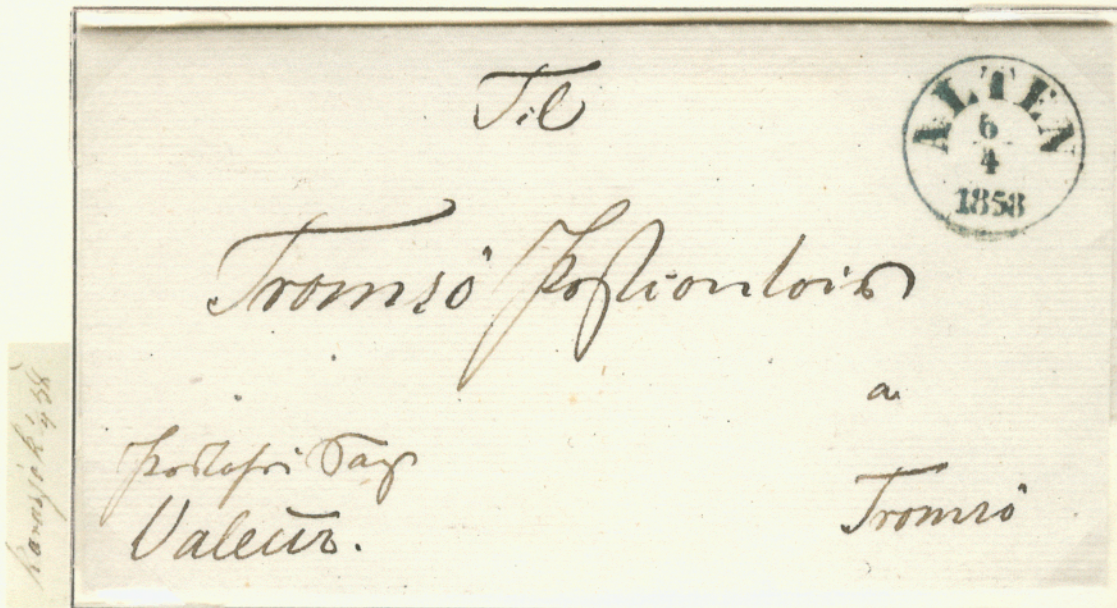


Karasjok post office was established on February 1st 1855 in order to serve the winter mail route across "Finnmarksvidda" in the vast interior of Finnmark. The first canceller in use was a 3-ring numeral canceller "145", which was delivered to the post office in August 1856. Due to infrequent despatch of mail, Karasjok did not get a 1-ring circular date-stamp until December 1871. The sub-postmaster commonly used numeral designation or pen manuscript to cancel postage stamps and letters



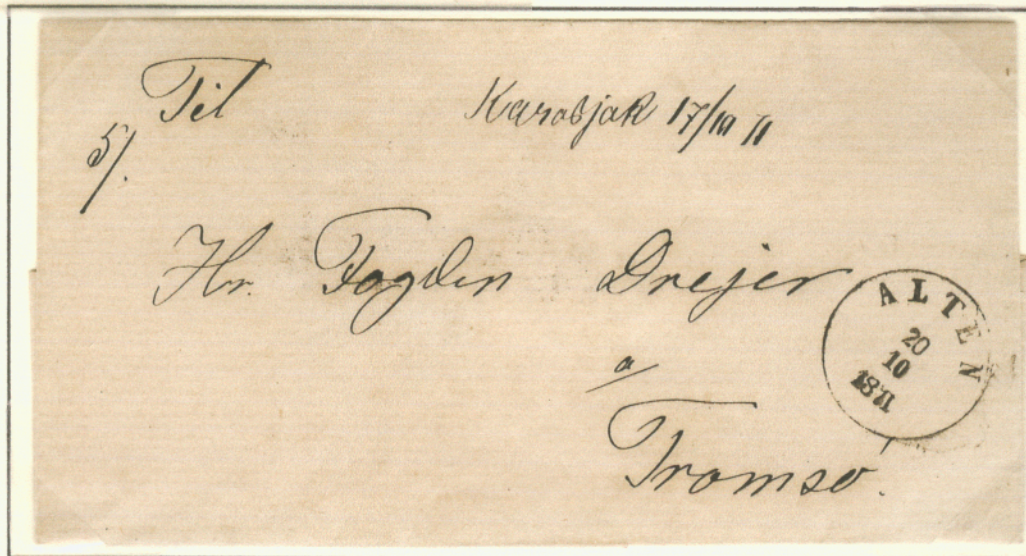
Official letter of April 1, 1858, from Karasjok to Tromsø, postal marking "Karasjok 1-4-58" in manuscript (reverse), transit postmarked "ALLEN 6-4-1858" (type 1)



Letter piece with 4 Sk Oscar cancelled with numeral "145" and transit postmarked "ALLEN 12-1-1863" (type 2)



"145"  
4 Sk Coat of Arms II



Postage due local letter from Karasjok to Tromsø; postal manuscript "Karasjok 17-10-71" and "5 \$" (postage due) on front; transit postmarked "ALLEN 20-10-1871" (type 2)