

I. The boatpost expresse

In order to improve the mail service to the district of Eastern Finmark, an eastbound boatpost expresse was set up in spring 1852: "in the months of March, April and May a boatpost expresse will go via the outer fishing villages to and from the towns of Hammerfest and Vardø or Vadsø 5 times altogether" (Circular letter of March 26th 1852).

This boatpost expresse was suspended after one season, when a steamship mail service was set up to Eastern Finmark in 1853



Prepaid domestic letter of June 1, 1852, from Nyborg to Christiania; sent via the branch mail service from Nyborg to Vadsø to catch the last (5th!) westbound boatpost expresse from Vadsø (3-6) to Hammerfest that year, postmarked HAMMERFEST 12-6-1852" in transit; from Hammerfest with the coastal steamship S/S Prinds Gustav to Trondheim, from Trondheim over land to Christiania

Only registered cover from the 1852 boatpost expresse to Eastern Finmark



Unpaid letter of February 6, 1855, from Berlin to Finmark, with boxed "BERLIN STADT-POST" handstamp and inscribed "2 (bill no.) - 30 (skilling to pay)" at the dispatching post office (on reverse); transit postmarked with double-circle handstamp "K.D.O.P.A. HAMBURG" (type VII) at the Danish post office in Hamburg (reverse) and "HELSINGØR", "SVINESUND" (type 1) and "NORLAND" (type 1) on front, from Nordland post office with the boatpost expresse to Lenvig in Finmark.

Postage due: 30 Sk (endorsed on reverse), made up by Prussian postage 9 Sk (3 Silbergroschen manuscript marking in blue), sea postage from Denmark to Norway 15 Sk and Norwegian domestic postage 6 Sk