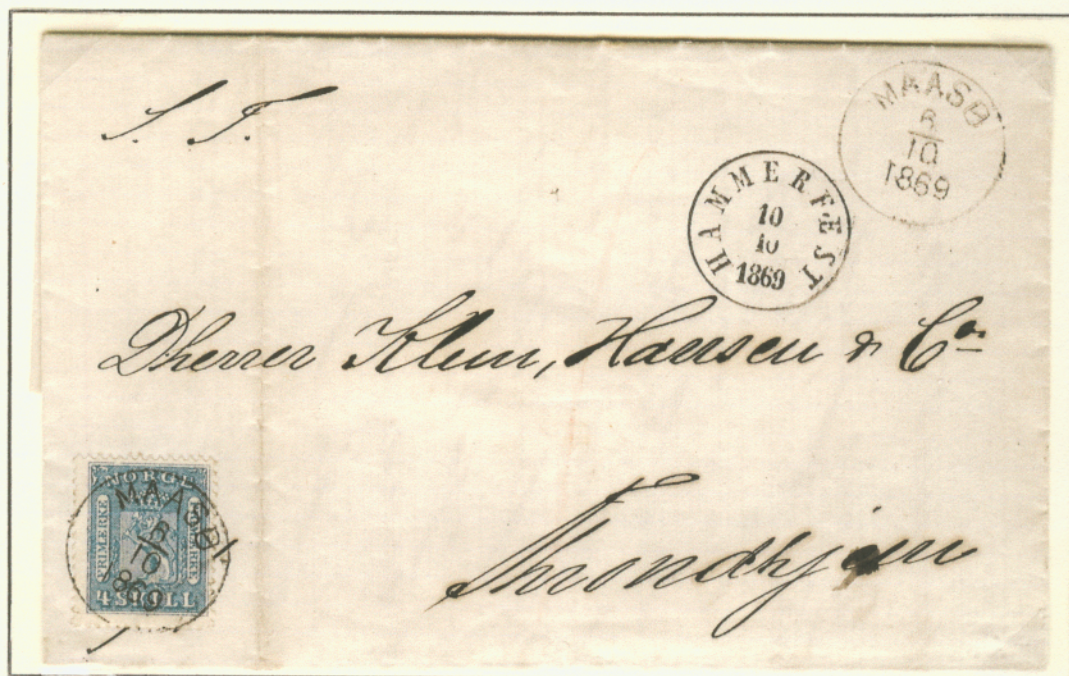


Maasø post office was one of the very first post offices in Finmark, established back in 1778 when Maasø was a calling place for the boatpost expresse sailing along the coast of Finmark. The post office was later laid down, but re-appeared in 1856 when a branch mail service was set up from Hammerfest to Maasø to Gjøsvær to Skarsvaag in the winter season. The post office got a numeral canceller "360" in autumn 1856 and a 1-ring circular date-stamp in 1859



Local letter from Maasø to Vardø franked with 4 Sk Oscar postmarked with 3-ring numeral "360"



Domestic single-weight letter of October 10, 1869; from Maasø to Trondheim; franked with 4 Sk Coat of Arms II postmarked "MAASØ", transit marked "HAMMERFEST" the same day; from Hammerfest with the Nordland line southwards to Trondheim