

### XIII. The regional ship mail services

The Nordland line

S/S Prinds Gustav

Trondheim - Hammerfest 1838 - 1850

In 1838 the Norwegian Government started a regional mail and passenger steamship service between Trondheim and Hammerfest with the paddle steamer "Prinds Gustav". The route was named the Nordland line. From March 1838 until April 1851, "Prinds Gustav" was the only steamship in regular traffic in the route. The steamship went in four to three week cycles from March until October



Postage due letter of August 12, 1838, from Tromsø to Christiania, entered "med Dampskibet Prinds Gustav" (lower left). Postage due: 45 Sk (3/4 - 1 lod) inscribed on back [postage rate from 4-1-1837]



Partly prepaid single-weight letter of August 25, 1840, from Altona to Tromsø; origin postmarked "ALTONA" and entered "via Drontheim m Dampschiff "Prinds Gustav" on front. Postage due: 78 Sk (<3/4 lod) inscribed on back = Danish postage 30 sk + Swedish postage 15 sk + Norwegian postage 32 (Svinesund - Tromsø) + 1 sk for delivery