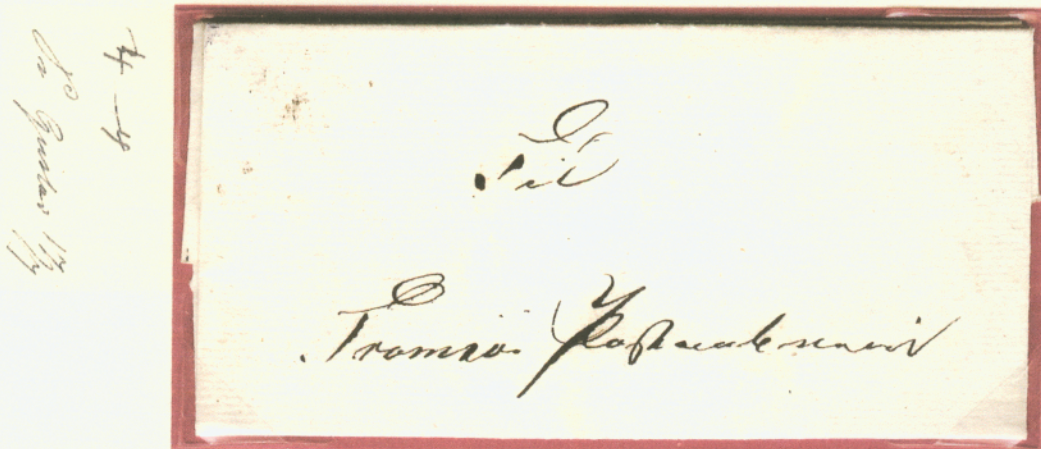


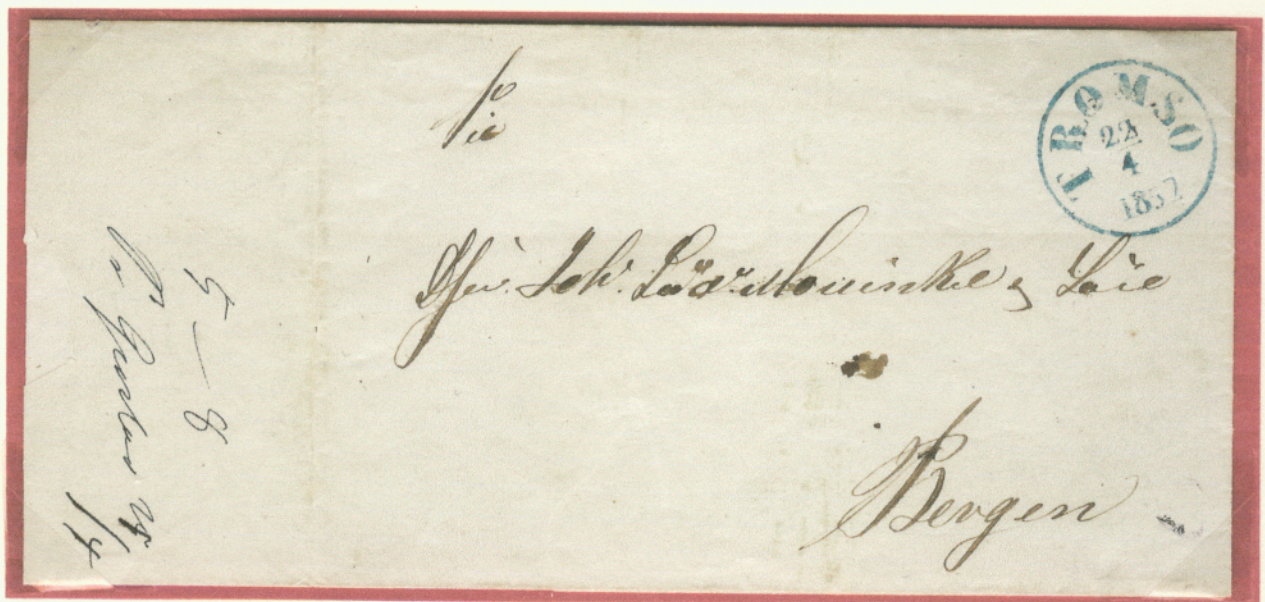
S/S Prinds Gustav

Bergen - Hammerfest 1851 - 1860

In 1851 the southern starting point for the Nordland line was moved from Trondheim to Bergen. In Nordland post district, i. e. between Nordland p.o. and Tromsø, the sub-postmaster on board used a dated handstamp of the "NORDLAND" series to cancel mail. In Troms post district, i.e. between Tromsø and Hammerfest, the "NORDLAND" postmark was not allowed. The sub-postmaster instead used pen manuscript to cancel mail handed in on board. The earliest pen manuscript cancellations known from "Prinds Gustav" were made by sub-postmaster Ditlev Wibe Krogh, who served the post office from 1847 to 1852



Unpaid letter of July 17, 1851 (inside), from Øxfjord in Finmark to Tromsø with S/S Prinds Gustav (9th southbound trip), entered "Pr. Gustav 17/7" in manuscript and listed 4 - 4 (Sk to pay). Øksfjord was taken up as a new calling place in the route in 1850, however, a Class 3 post office was not established on this embarkment place until July 1855. From 1850 to 1855, all dispatched mail from Øksfjord was handed in directly on the steamship and postmarked in pen manuscript by the sub-postmaster on "Prinds Gustav"



Unpaid cover of April 18, 1852 (inscribed on reverse), from Sørwæhr in Finmark to Bergen, sent via the branch mail route from Hasvig to Øksfjord (in open boat) to be delivered on board "Prinds Gustav" in Øksfjord on the 3rd southbound trip from Hammerfest, here cancelled "Pr Gustav 21-4" in pen manuscript (on reverse); transit postmarked in Tromsø on April 22. Endorsed 5 (list no.) - 8 (Sk to pay; distance > 200 km) [postage rate according to Postal law of August 12th 1848]

The only registered preadhesive letters (2) with origin ship postmark "Prinds Gustav" in manuscript