

XIII. The regional ship mail services

The Nordland line

S/S Prinds Carl

Bergen - Hammerfest 1851 - 1860

In April 1851, "Prinds Carl" entered the Nordland line, alternating with "Prinds Gustav" in the route. The sub-postmaster on board, Mr. Peter Fredrik Vosgraff, received a new "NORDLAND" date-stamp (type III) to be used to cancel mail within the Nordland post district. Outside the Nordland post office's jurisdiction area, e. g. in Finmarken amt and in the route south of Trondheim, the sub-postmaster used a private undated circular handstamp with the ship's name "PRINDS CARL" on two lines below a crown



Single-weight prepaid letter of July 8, 1854 (inside), from Tromsø to Bossekop in Alten, delivered on board "Prinds Carl" when departing from Tromsø on the 9th northbound trip to Hammerfest; postmarked with private undated circular ship handstamp "PRINDS CARL" in blue; the letter has not passed any superior post office and is therefore without additional postmarks

Two pre-adhesive letters from "Prinds Carl", when sailing in the route north of Tromsø, are registered, both dated in 1854

The private ship handstamp is also known on a few letters in the route south of Nordland post office, and on a few loose postage stamps in blue and black strikes



"PRINDS CARL" postmark
in blue on letter piece



"PRINDS CARL"
postmark in black
4 Sk Oscar