

S/S Nordcap

Bergen - Hammerfest 1851 - 1860

From 1856, S/S Nordcap was put into regular traffic to Northern Norway. The Government now had four permanent ships in the Nordland line, *i. e.* "Prinds Gustav", "Prinds Carl", "Constitutionen" and "Nordcap". The ships sailed in a four week cycle between Bergen and Hammerfest. In addition to carrying a "NORDLAND" date-stamp, the sub-postmaster on board "Nordcap", Mr. Georg Wilhelm Willumsen, also carried an undated private octagonal handstamp, which was used on occasions to postmark stamps and letters both inside and outside the Nordland post district



Undated octagonal handstamp  
"DAMPSKIBET NORDCAP" in black  
on 4 sk Oscar on piece of letter 'e'



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In July 1865, S/S Nordcap went northwards from Trondheim to re-enter the Eastern Finmarken service. It was announced that "Nordcap" would carry mail, passengers and cargo, in spite of the fact that the private steamers of Det Bergenske Dampskibsselskab (BDS) and Det Nordenfjeldske Dampskibsselskab (NFDS) officially had taken over the route



Domestic letter from Tromsø to Hammerfest, delivered and postmarked on board "Nordcap" in July 1865 when the ship went northwards to enter the Eastern Finmarken service; postal manuscripts "Dpskb: Nordcap 22-7-65" on cover and "Nordcap 22-7-65" on postage stamp; the letter has not passed any superior post office and is therefore without additional postmarks

**This is the only registered letter with this type of cancellation, *i.e.* dated pen manuscript on both postage stamp and cover**