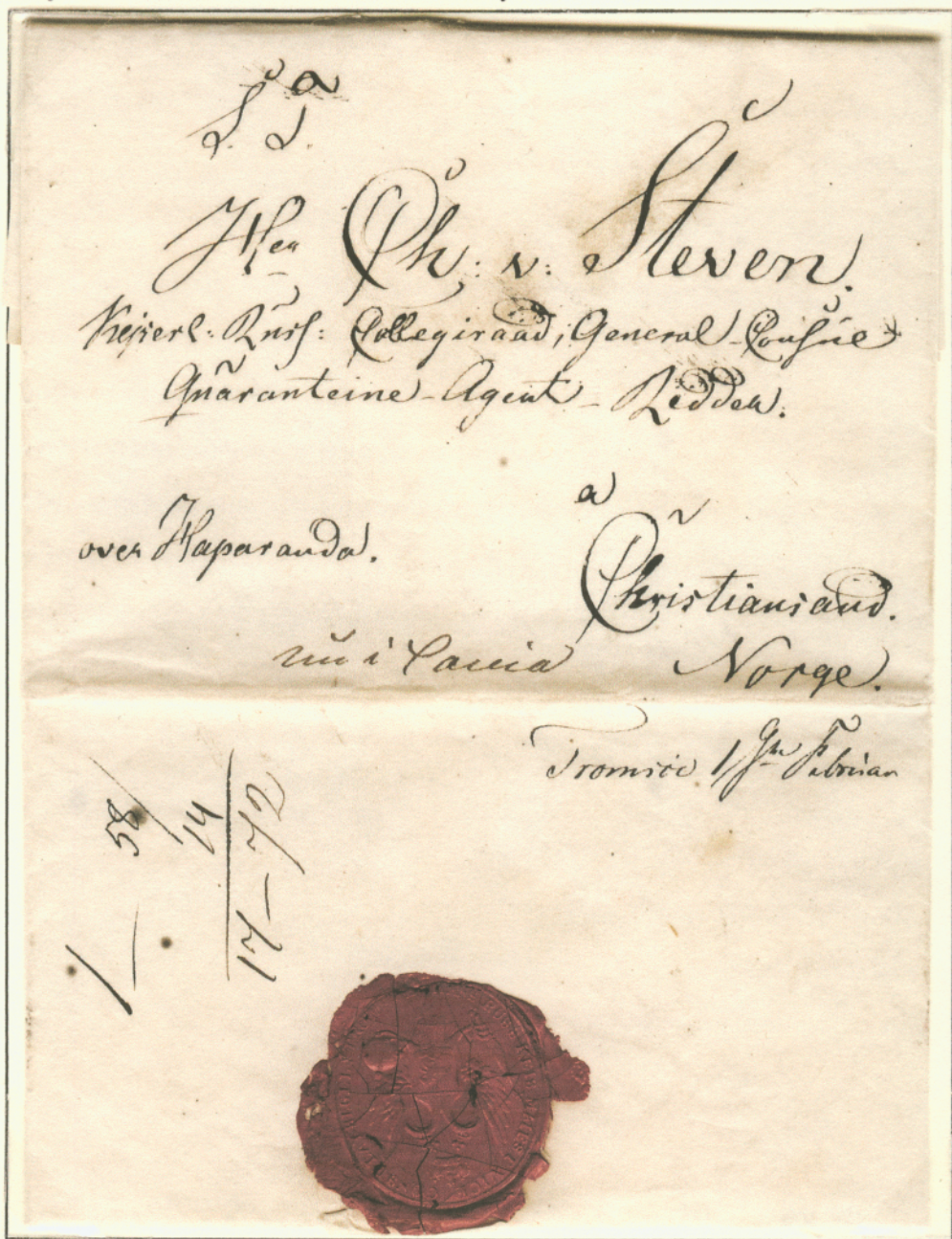


III. The Haparanda post ("Den finnmarkske vinterpost")

A Royal resolution of April 28th 1818 stated that a post expresse should be established in the winter season between Haparanda in Sweden and Finmark in Northern Norway. The Haparanda post was a follow-up of the Torneå post. Mail from South or North Norway was to be sent via the Swedish Class 1 post office in Haparanda, and from Haparanda via the Swedish mail routes back to Norway, or abroad. The post expresse, termed the Haparanda post or "Den finnmarkske vinterpost", started in October 1822. In the north, the post expresse went from Haparanda to Karesuando, where it was divided into a northern branch from Karesuando to Kautokeino and Alten, and a south-western branch from Karesuando to Skibotn and Tromsø. The post expresse went every 4th week from November to February



Unpaid domestic single-weight letter of February 1, 1833, from Tromsø to Christiansand; postal manuscript "Tromsø 1st Februar" from dispatching post office on reverse, inscribed "over Haparanda" on front and sent via Stockholm to Christiansand in South Norway; in Christiansand inscribed "nu i Xania" (on front), which means that the recipient had moved and was "now in Christiania"; the letter has been redirected to Christiania and charged an extra 14 Sk. for this re-routing. Postage due: Tromsø - Nordland post office 16 Sk, Nordland - Christiansand 28 Sk, plus Haparanda surcharge 10 Sk Swedish Bco (rate 1/3 = 14 Sk) = 58 Sk (endorsed); and from Christiansand to Christiania = 14 Sk (endorsed); in total 72 Skilling (endorsed) to be collected from the recipient