

S/S Nor (1870 - 1882):

The ship mail service on Altenfjord started in November 1870 with the steamer "Nor". The ship had no post office on board. In the period from 1871 to 1882, the captain used 4 different private handstamps and pen manuscript to cancel mail handed in on board

Type 1 (1871-72 and 1875-76):

The type 1 handstamp is known in blue (1871-72) and black (1875-76) strokes



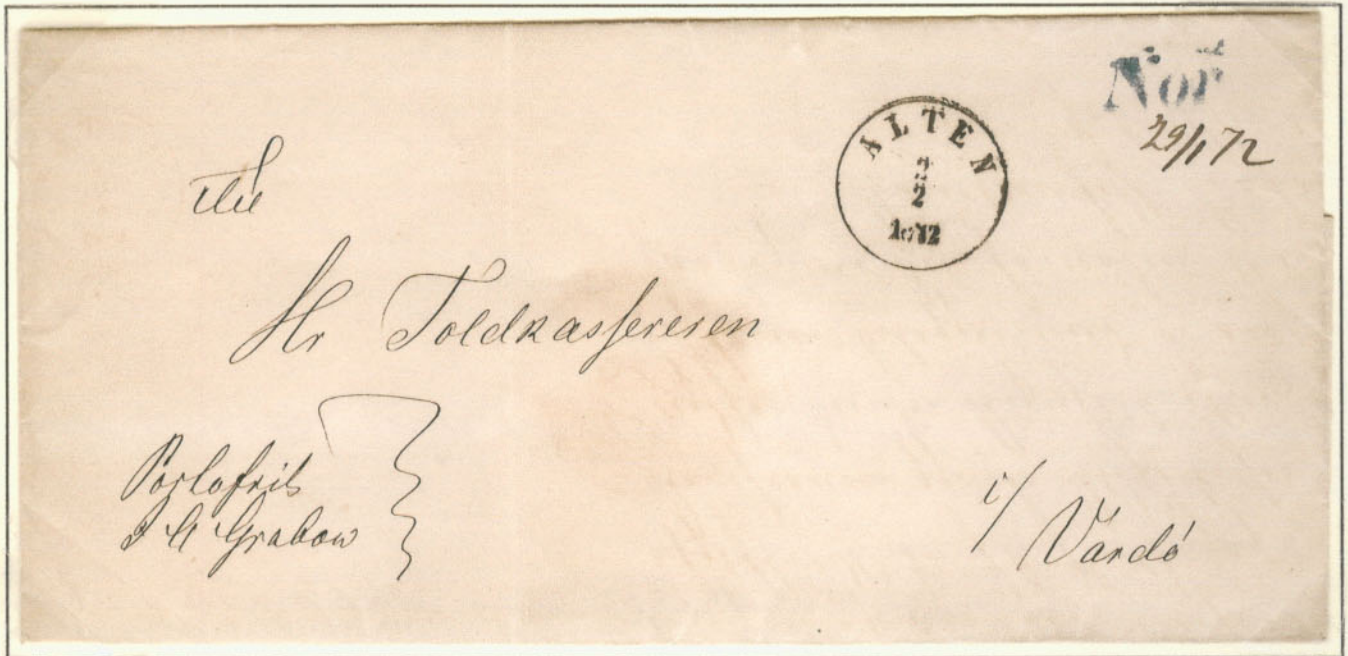
"Nor" in blue and manuscript
"26-11-71"



"No(r)" in black



"No(r)" in black



Official service letter to Vardø delivered on board "Nor" cancelled with handstamp "Nor" (type 1) in blue and with pen manuscript "29-1-72"; listed and despatched at the local Class 2 post office in Alten, post-marked "ALTEN 3-2-1872"; from Alten via the winter mail route across Finnmarksvidda to Vardø

Forgery of the type 1 handstamp:

In the early 1990'ies a few copies of a newly designed forgery, resembling the type 1 handstamp, turned up in the market



"Nor" forgery in
pale blue



"Nor" forgery in pale blue and
"13-2-73" in manuscript