

Aalesund pre-adhesive letters 1848-1854.

"S/S Gyller" in the Eastern Finmark service( 1853-1868) ; "S/S Prinds Gustav" in the Nordland line(1838-1869) ; the main post overland express Trondhjem- Bergen(1786-1868); the branch mail service Aalesund- Ørskoug (1786-1868), and the branch mail service Aalesund-Volden(1805-1871)



**Unpaid letter** addressed to "**Bogtrykker M. Aarflot, Woldens Postabneri og Dampskibs Expedition**", handed in on the steamer "**Gyller**" in the Eastern Finmark service in Hammerfest 9/7-1853 on the 5<sup>th</sup> westbound trip to Tromsø, manuscript notation "**Gyller 9-7 13.-8**" (letter bill no.13 and 8 Sk postage due). Re-posted and cancelled "**Tromsø 14/7-1853**", and sent by the steamer "**Prinds Gustav**" by closed mail on the southbound trip nr.9 to Molde; departure Tromsø 15/7-1853 in the Nordland line. Manuscript "**Tromsø 14/7**" at the top of the front of the cover was added during a billcontrol in Molde, and confirms that the letter was entered on bill no. 5 on July 14, corresponding to the list made the day before the departure of Prinds Gustav from Tromsø. (Gjelsvik pers.comm and Sundsbø.s.27) Date-stamped Molde 21/7 in transit, entered bill nr. 1, and sent by the main post express to Ørskoug; here transferred to the branch mail service to Aalesund and finally cancelled Aalesund on the departure of the branch mail service to Volden, bill no.11. **Postage due**: 8 sk. for single- weight letter not exceeding 3/4 lod for distance exceeding 200 km, to be paid by the recipient.

In 1853 the Norwegian Government started a new regional steamship service from Tromsø( Hammerfest )to Eastern Finmark with the steamer "**Gyller**".This is the only registered 1853 pre-adhesive letter marked with manuscript "**Gyller**".