

Aalesund pre-adhesive letters 1848-1854.

The branch mail services Udvigen- Selløe(1841-1871), and Aalesund-Volden, (1805-1871)

In 1823 a local branch mail service was established between "Leikanger (Leikong) in Herøy " and "Selje (Selløe) in Nordfjord", it connected with the branch mail service Aalesund-Volden. This was the first step in connecting the local branch mail services to the main over- land service at Utvik.(Bergen-Trondhjem) The branch mail service Udvigen-Selløe (Selje) was established and approved by Royal Resolution of January 12, 1841, and connected to the main post route(Bergen-Trondhjem) at Utvik in the east, and the branch mail service Aalesund-Volden in the west, including Selje. There were three main reasons why this by-post was important: 1 Better transport of post in the local postal areas from Nordfjord and Sunnmøre. 2 Military activities in the area needed better postal connection, and in general quicker carriage of official post. 3 A more rapid carriage of letters to Christiania over Aalesund- Ørskoug and Molde.

Colour: Blue.



Official free-letter ("Portfri Sag") dated October 4, 1849, from Udvigen to Aalesund, with manuscript marking from dispatching class 3 post office "**Udvigen 4/10**"; bill nr.'2' and arrival postmarked "AALESUND on June 10, 1849" in blue colour on back of the cover. The letter was probably forwarded by military transport from Stryn to Udvigen (Faleide), and from Udvigen to Aalesund in the local branch mail services as described above.

Official free-letters were authorized by manuscript signature and "Portofri Sag" inscribed by sender ; on this letter signed by "Capt. Keilhau", officer in the " Nordre Bergenhus Regiment", located in Stryn. (Circular of January 11, 1849, according to Royal Resolution dated December 29/30-1848). From 1/4 -1850, "Udvigens postaabnerie" was moved to Faleide; and renamed " Indvigens Post-aabnerie" (Circular no 1, 1850)