

Aalesund pre-adhesive letters 1848-1854.

Sent by different over- land services between Aalesund and Christiania ,and by " Vestlandsruten" to Porsgrund.

Unpaid letter dated January 20,1854 from Aalesund to Porsgrund, postmarked " Aalesund 20/1-1854" in blue ink. Postage due:16 Sk, repeated on the front of the cover as a receipt on delivery; marked with a dot after '16' to confirm payment. Entered "1(bill no.) -16 postage due",endorsed on reverse. **Postage rate:** 16 Sk for double-weight letter weight 1- 1 ½- lod; distance< 200 km; to be paid by receiver.



Postage due markings on front of covers are unusual in the pre-adhesive period of 1848-1854.

The branch mail services Aalesund-Volden and Aalesund – Ørskoug , transferred to the main post expresse Bergen-Trondhjem at Ørskoug.

Colour: Blue.



Official free- letter(" Portfri Sag") dated August 12, 1853 from Wandelven to Molde with manuscript marking from dispatching Class 3 post office "**Wandelven 12/8** "; bill nr.'7 'on back; re-listed and cancelled "AALESUND August 12, 1853" in transit, and marked bill nr.'9` on back of the cover. **The letter was closed with a red post-seal (Post-signet) inscribed " Vandelvns Postaabnerie" with the Norwegian lion; delivered from engraver Middelthun on Oktober 6, 1830.**