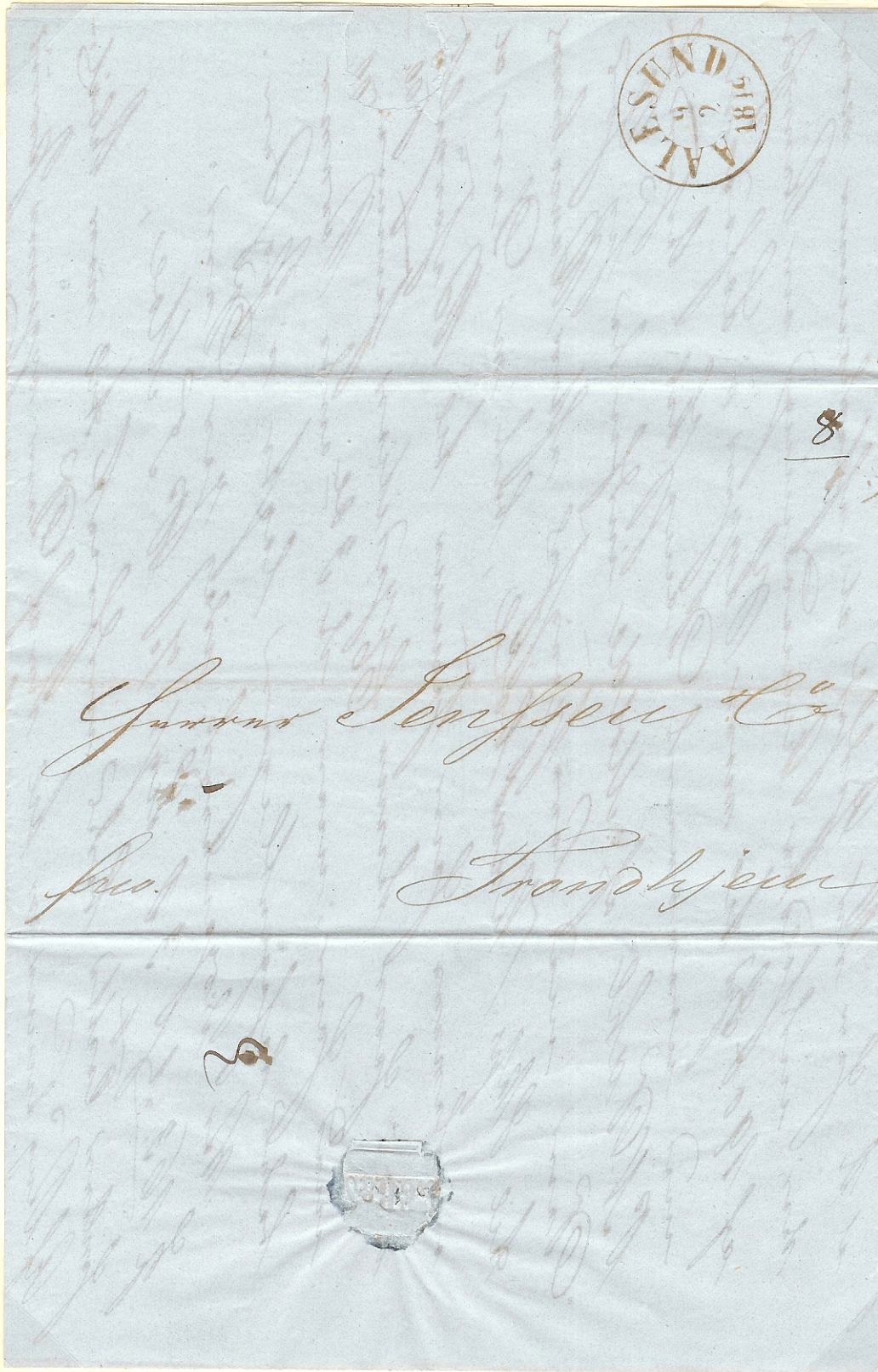


## Aalesund pre-adhesive letters 1848-1854.

A much simplified summary listing of letters was introduced at the Class 1 and Class 2 post offices in 1849, and was of significant importance for the distribution of cancellers, by which domestic mail was also to be cancelled. The domestic postal rates were cut considerably, to 4 Sk. for single-weight letters not exceeding 3/4 lod (11,72 grams); distance < 200 km, and to 8 Sk. for similar letters travelling larger distances. (Royal decree of 29/12-1848, in effect from January 1, 1849.)



The summary lists were delayed from the postal administration in Christiania, and explain why mostly all of the letters cancelled in black ink are not to be seen before February 1849, on domestic covers. (Circular nr.5 of January 29, 1849.)

Only 8 strokes are recorded on domestic covers cancelled with Aalesund date-stamp in black colour, registered in the period of 9/2-1849-21/4 1849.

This is the earliest recorded strike of the Aalesund date-stamp in black colour on domestic covers in the 1848-1854 pre-adhesive period.

**Prepaid ("frco")** letter dated February 9, 1849, from Aalesund to Trondhjem; conveyed by the branch mail service to Ørskoug; here transferred to the main post service to Trondhjem; postmarked "AALESUND 9/2-1848" in black ink. Postage paid; '8' (Sk) endorsed in the upper right corner of the cover; bill nr. '3' endorsed on reverse. **Postage rate: 8 Sk** for single-weight letter not exceeding 3/4 lod; distance exceeding 200 km. (Postal regulation of August 1848)