

Aalesund Pre-adhesive letters 1848-1854.

Over-land services Aalesund-Christiania.

A once a week branch mail service between Molde, (via Romsdalen) and Tofte, (Dovre) came in to effect from September 1822 and connected the main mail service Bergen-Trondhjem at Molde in the west, and the main mail route Trondhjem-Christiania at Tofte in the east, it became twice weekly from 1838. (Royal resolution of August 17, 1822.)

Colour: Green.

In 1826 Borgensund was renamed Aalesund, and the official post signet inscribed "Aalesund Post-contoir" was delivered from engraver G. Middeltun in Christiania; in use to 1864.



Prepaid ('betalt') money letter ('indlagt 150 Spd') dated June 22, 1850; from Aalesund to Christiania in sealed bag; conveyed in the branch mail service to Ørskoug and here transferred to the main mail service to Molde; to Tofte at Dovre by the branch mail service, and finally to destination by the main mail service between Trondhjem and Christiania. Postmarked with a single circle date-stamp "AALESUND 22/6-1850" in green colour; '20' (Skilling paid) inscribed in upper right corner; bill nr. '5' and arrival date '27-6-50' marked on reverse. The bank notes (150 Spd) were counted before enclosure and envelope sealed with 3 private and 2 official (post office's signet) seals according to instructions. **Postage paid:** 8 Sk for single-weight letter not exceeding 3/4 lod and distance exceeding 200 km, plus insurance 4 Sk (half single-weight postage) for each 50 Spd = 12 Sk, which makes a total of 20 Sk endorsed on front of cover.