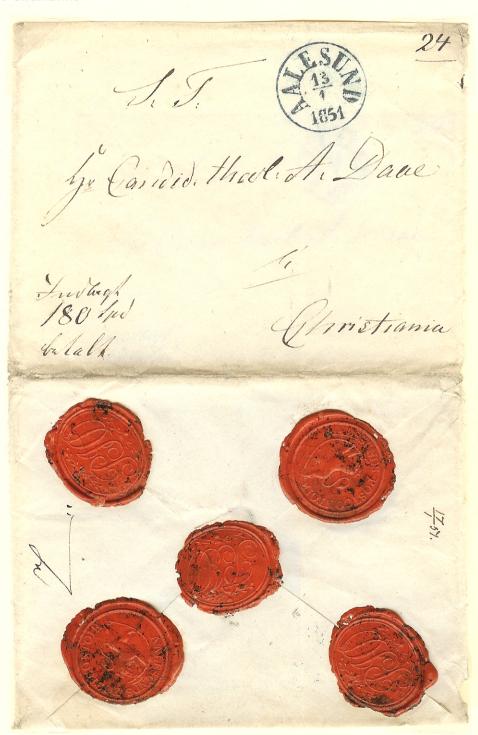
## Aalesund pre-adhesive letters 1848-1854.

Over-land services Aalesund-Christiania.

Conveyed by the branch mail service <u>Aalesund- Ørskoug</u> (1786-1868); Ørskog – Molde by the main post expresse <u>Bergen – Trondhjem</u> (1786-1868); <u>Molde via "Romsdalen" to Tofte at Dovre</u> (1822- < ) and Dovre – Christiania by the main mail route <u>Trondhjem – Christiania</u> (1647- <)

Colour: Ulramarine.



In 1826 Borgensund was renamed Aalesund, and the official post signet inscribed "Aalesund Postcontoir" was delive-red from engraver G. Middelthun in Christiania: in



**Prepaid ('betalt')** money letter ('indlagt 180 Spd') dated January 13, 1851; to Christiania in sealed bag, directly listed to the receiving post office; cancelled with a ultramarine strike of the single circle date-stamp "AALESUND 13/-1851"; '24' (Skilling paid) inscribed in upper right corner; bill nr. '7' and arrival date '17-1-51' marked on reverse. The bank notes (180 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 (< ¾ lod) and distance exceeding 200 km, plus insurance 4 Sk (half single-weight postage) for each 50 Spd = <u>16 Sk</u>, which makes a total of <u>24 Sk</u> endorsed on front of the cover.