

Aalesund pre-adhesive letters 1848-1854.

The branch mail service Aalesund- Ørskoug (1786 -1868)

Colour: Blue.



"Ørskoug Postaabnerie" was the most important class 3 post-office in the postal area of Sunnmøre in the 1848-1854 pre-adhesive period, located at the meeting point of the branch mail service to Aalesund and the main over-land service Bergen- Molde- Trondhjem.

Prepaid ("Betalt") letter dated August 24, 1852, cancelled with a blue strike of the single circle date- stamp "AALESUND 24/8-1852", addressed to "Ørskoug Postaabnerie." Bill nr. '3' endorsed on reverse. **Postage rate:** 4 Sk was the single-weight postage for distances up to 20 miles (Zone 1), and the amount of postage is noted on the front of the letter in the upper right corner, and was paid by the sender (franco.) (Postal regulation of 1848)

The branch mail service Aalesund-Volden(1805 -1871)

Colour: Blue, with manuscript day/month.

Official free-money letter,

(Portofri Sag) dated November 16, 1853, addressed to Eegseth in Volden, postmarked "AALESUND 24/11-1852" with manuscript day/month, and " Indlagt 1 Spd 24 sk; Portofri Sag J.L.Bull, Postmester" inscribed in the lower left corner of the envelope; bill nr.'20' marked on reverse. Money was counted before enclosure and envelope sealed with 3 official (post-office's signet) seals according to instructions. The amount of the money enclosed (1Spd 24sk), was probably in payment of a subscription, or for ordering an announcement.



Conveyed by the local branch mail service between Aalesund and Volden.

A very rare envelope where the postmaster used his franking privilege; probably an accounting system between the printing press in Volden and Aalesund Postcontoir for postage and distribution of newspapers and postal matters.