

Aalesund pre-adhesive letters 1848-1854.

The boat post express, (1663-1859) The Nordland line, (1838-1858) The main post mail service Trondhjem – Bergen , (1786-1868) The branch post mail service Aalesund-Ørskoug, (1786-1868) The branch post mail service Aalesund-Volden,(1804-1871)
Colour: Ultramarin.

The letter was handed unsealed to the post official in Alten, manuscript single postage (1 Spd 4 Sk-8") and "Portofri Sag"; **which means that the letter is postage free from the sender and that the receiver will pay the postage.** The notation of insurance and weight were added at the class 1 post office in Tromsø, which has approved the insurance of single postage (4Sk) even though the letter weighed 30 gr, which normally would have been charged at 10Sk (30gr. = 1,5-2 lod = 2½ postage). **The amount of the money enclosed (1 Spd,4sk), was probably in payment of a news-paper subscription.**

To the publisher of Postbudet
Volden, Avissag. (Portofri Sag).
Such letter are carried free of
charge by the post and should
preferably be sent
unsealed: **Postage is paid by the
publisher.** When payment is
included, the letter must have the
same inscription, but be brought
open to the post office, which
counts the money and seals the
letter. (From the invitation to
subscribe to Postbudet). Money
letters, where the money is
included by the post official should
be counted as **single postage +
insurance** (money letter postage).
(Circular of November 23, 1854
according to the notice of
November 21, 1804)

Unpaid money letter

(newspaper,subscription; avissag)
from Alten to Eegsæt In Volden
cancelled "ALTEN 24/1-1852",
entered bill nr. `15` and closed with
a red seal (post office's signet)
"Alten postaabnerie" ; inscribed
"Portofri Sag" in lower left corner
and "1 Spd 4 Sk – 8" in the upper
right corner; from Alten with the
westbound boat post expresse to
Tromsø, transit postmarked

"Tromsø 21/2 1852", bill nr. `9`-12(postage due),and weight (30 gr.); sent with the coastal steamship "**Prinds Gustav**" on
the 1th southbound trip to Trondhjem in the Nordland line; marked "Nordland" type 2, 4/3-1852, in transit; to Molde in
sealed bag, and retransmitted and date stamped "Molde 18/3-1852"; (bill nr `8`) in transit, and re-listed directly to
Aalesund, transferred to the branch mail service at Ørskoug; transit postmarked "Aalesund 27/3-1852", and entered bill
nr. `7` to Volden. **Postage due: 8 Sk** for single-weight letter not exceeding 3/4 lod; distance > 200 km, and insured value;
1/2 single letter rate < 50 Spd = 4 Sk; a total of **12 Sk** endorsed on reverse of the cover; to be paid by receiver.

