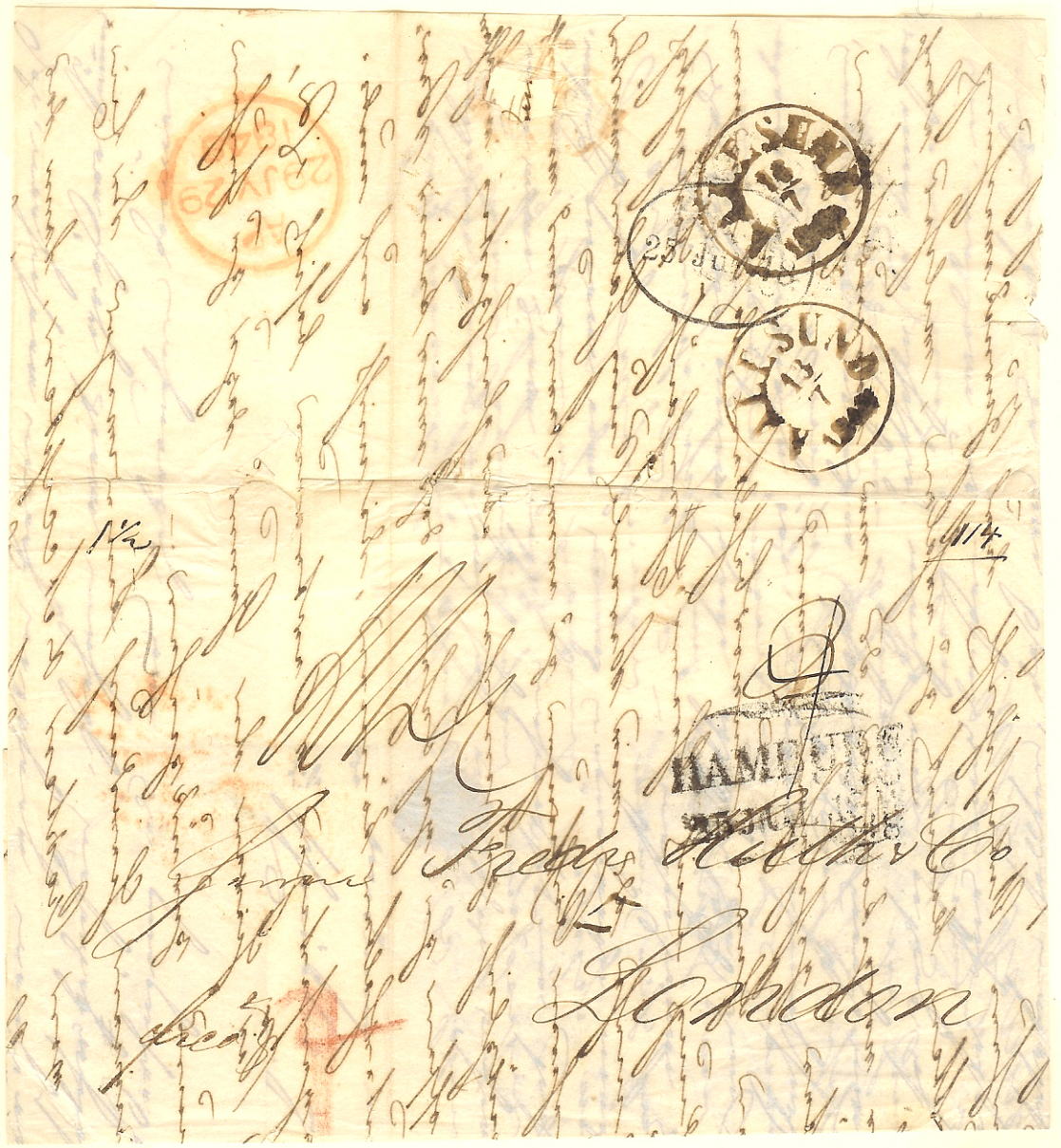


Aalesund pre-adhesive letters 1848-1854.

Over-land-services Aalesund-Christiania, and sailing with " *S/S Christiania* " from Christiania to Travemünde. Because of the first Schleswig war,(1848-1851 three-year-war),the terminal of the sea voyage was moved from Kiel to Travemünde.

From Aalesund via the branch mail service to Ørskoug; to Molde with the main post presse; from Molde by the branch mail service" via Romsdalen" to Tofte, (Dovre), here connected to the main mail route from Trondhjem to Christiania. From Christiania to Travemünde with "*S/S Christiania*" on July 22; from Travemünde/ Lübeck to Hamburg, and finally by private steamer to England.



Partial prepaid("frco") double-weight letter dated July 13, 1848, from Aalesund to London cancelled with a black strike of the "AALESUND" single circle date-stamp. '114' (Sk) and weight '1 1/2' (lod) noted on front, which mean the letter has been prepaid with 114 Skilling to Hamburg, (double-weight); bill nr. '4' endorsed on reverse. The pen manuscript in black ink on lower left corner('8' Lbs) confirms the postage between Hamburg and London(English share '6' Lbs, and Hamburg Stadtpost share('2' Hamburg Schilling equal to '2' Lbs); the red crayon marking ('4' Lbs) is the double-weight Hamburg Stadtpost credit, **(Elb-postage)**; black ink marking '1/4' (1Sh-4d) on center of cover confirms the English postage due, marking '2' double-weight, and '4' (Lbs) extra fee for the transport to Altona/ Hamburg to prevent transit by France for letters addressed to England, (Circular letter of May 29, 1847). Transit postmarked Hamburg with a butterfly handstamp (type VII), and oval St.P.A. at the Hamburg Stadtpost on July 25; arrival marked in London on July 29, with a red single circle date-stamp. **Postage paid:** 114 sk for double-weight letter exceeding 3/4 lod; comprised of 18 Sk Norwegian postage +19 Sk sea-postage +12 Sk (6 Lbs) Travemünde -Hamburg and 8 Sk(4 Lbs) added for franco Altona/Hamburg, in total 57 Sk x2 = **114 Sk** (prepayment); plus 1 shilling 4 pence (1/4= 16d= 2x8d), confirming the double weight rate between Hamburg and England to be collected from the recipient in London. (Circular letter of May 22,1848). Rates according to the Norwegian postage lists of 1847, and the convention between Norway and Lübeck of May 16,1848.

This is the only registered pre-adhesive cover sent abroad with a black strike of the Aalesund single circle date-stamp.