

XIII. The regional ship mail services

The Eastern Finmarken service

S/S Gyller

(Tromsø) - Hammerfest - Vadsø 1853 - 1868

In 1853 the Norwegian Government started a new regional steamship service from Tromsø (later Hammerfest) to Eastern Finmark ("Østfinmark - ruten") with the steamer "Gyller". The ship went in a fortnightly service in the summer season from April to September; from 1856 extended to weekly and fortnightly departures depending on season



"Gyller 10-5-57"

4th westbound trip in 1857

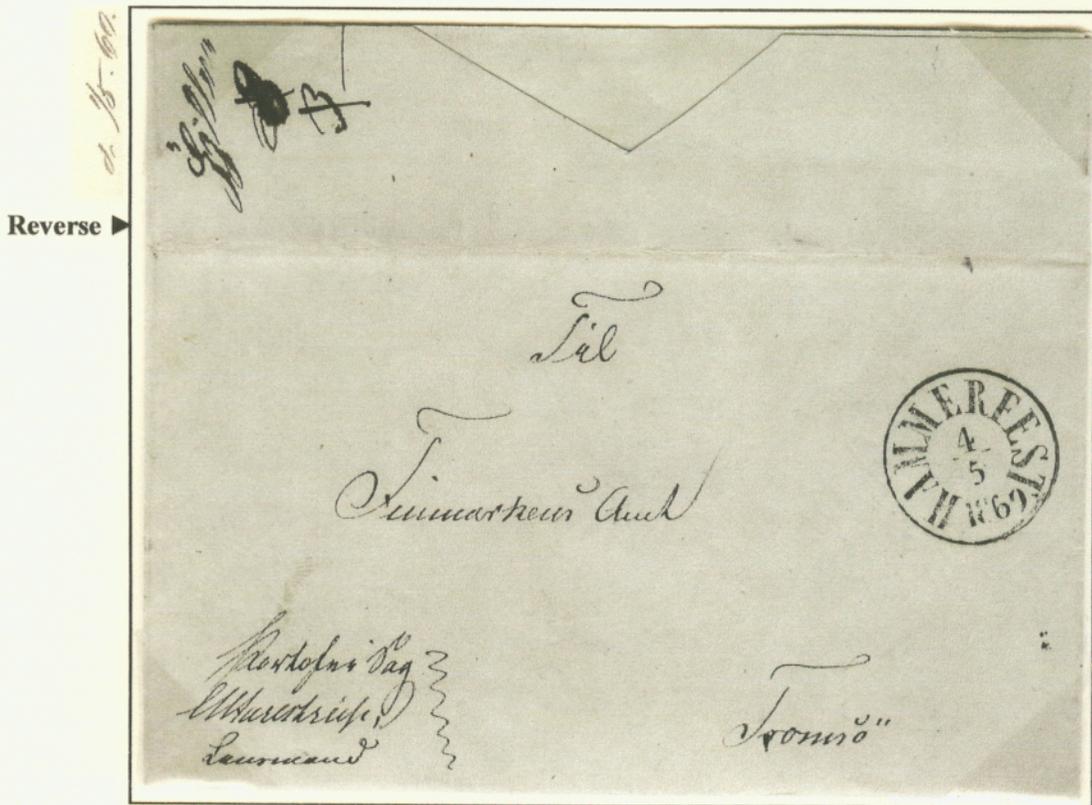
Only known "Gyller" pen manuscript cancellation on 4 Sk Coat of Arms I



"Gyller den 24-6-58"

13th westbound trip in 1858

One of two known 1858 "Gyller" pen manuscript cancellations



Official free-letter of April 20, 1860, from Berlevaag in Finmark to Tromsø; handed in on the steamer "Gyller" and entered postal manuscript "Gyller 1-5-60"; sent with the 6th westbound trip to Hammerfest; transit postmarked with circular dated handstamp "HAMMERFEST" (type 1 A) on May 4; from Hammerfest with the coastal steamship in the Nordland line to the addressee in Tromsø