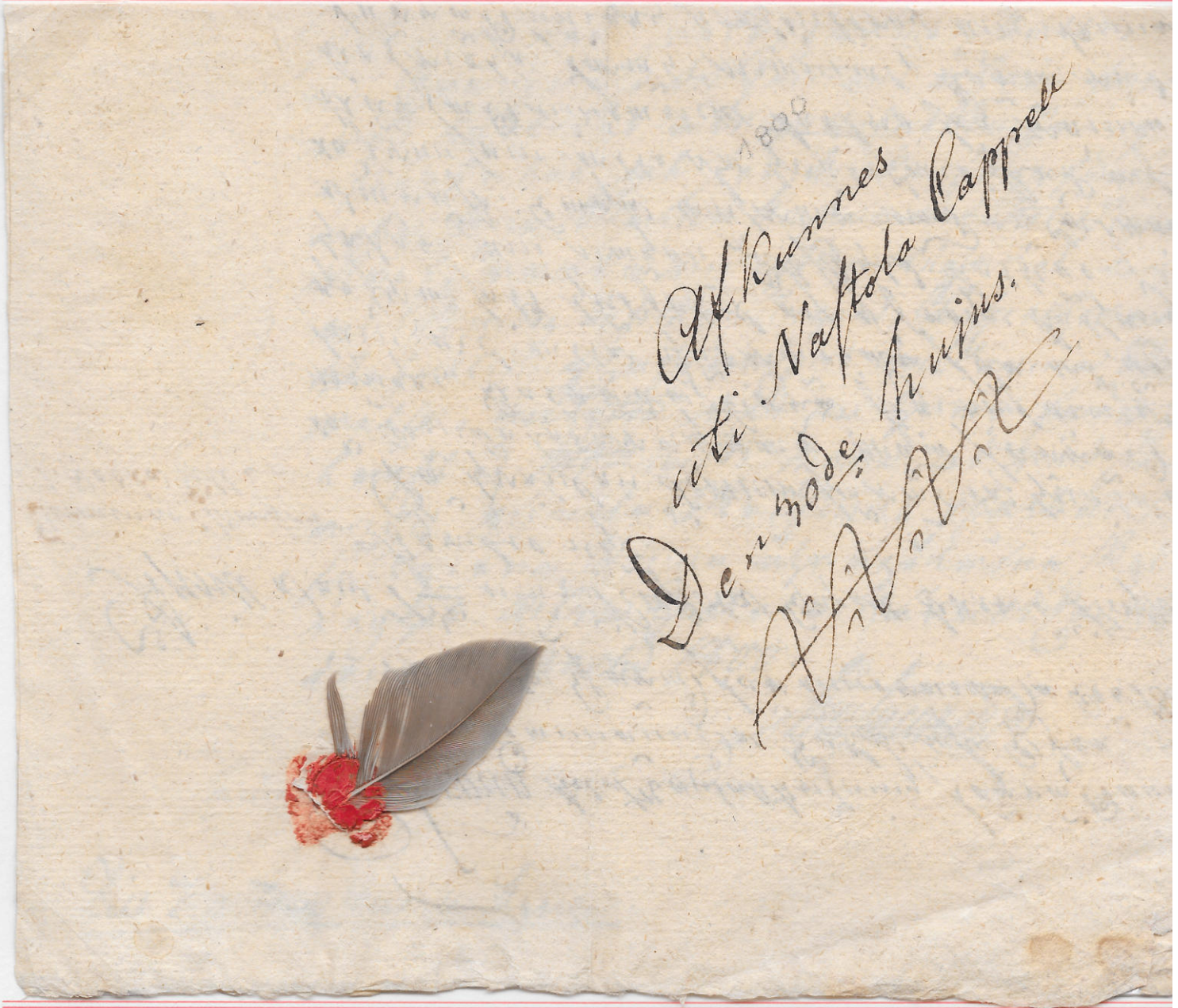


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EXPRESS - MEANDER MARK

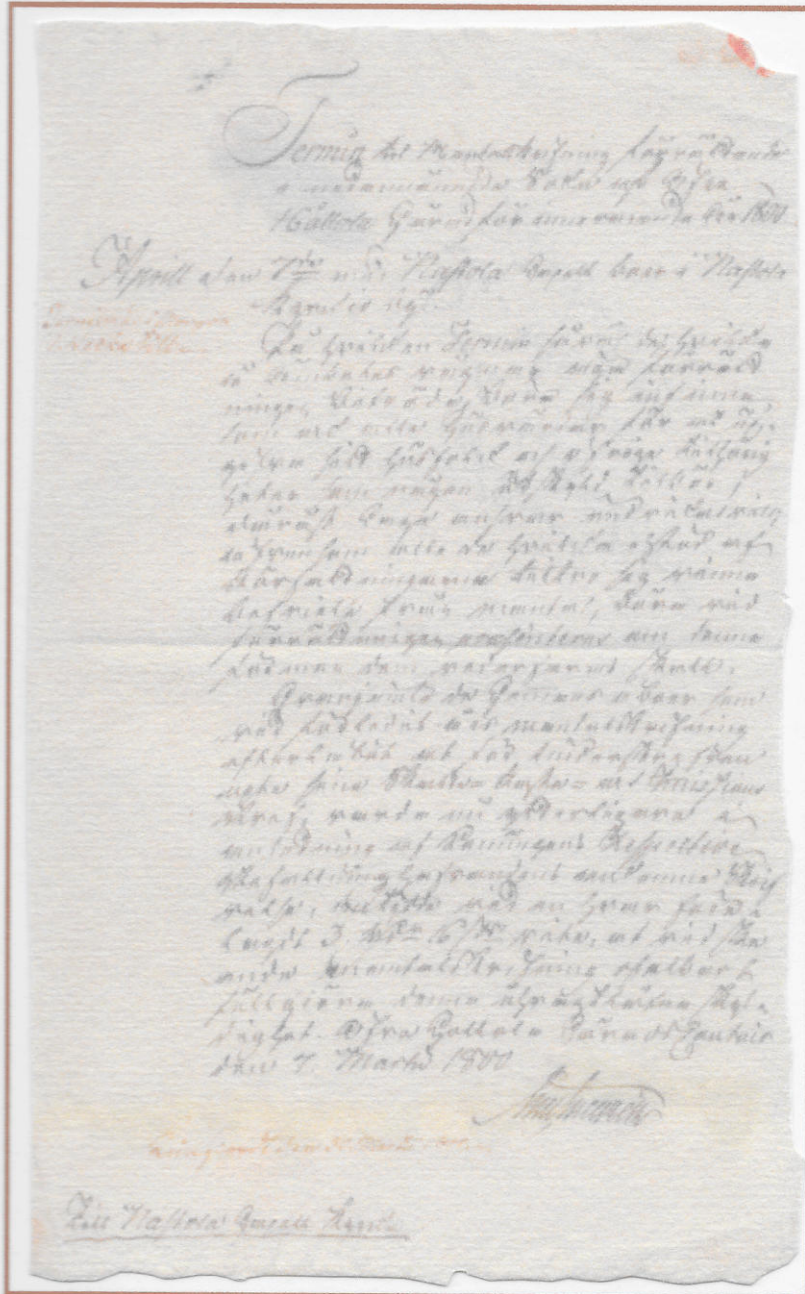
In Sweden and Finland, if a letter required a quick delivery, this was signified by adding one or more feathers in a wax seal (three maximum). Known in Sweden as a Fjäderbrev. A postal marking, a wavy line (known as a meander) with a horizontal line through it was also added to indicate that the letter had to be taken direct without any deviation



1800 Express Letter - Letters from this service are known used between 1760 and 1840

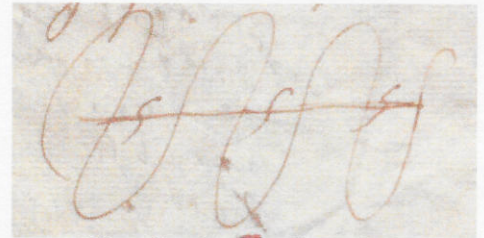
# EXPRESS - MEANDER MARK - FEATHER LETTER

A copy of the letter (reduced) shown on the previous sheet, together with a copy of another "Feather Letter" reputed to have been a "Swedish Royal Feather letter" carried on Royal business through the Swedish Royal Crown Post to Helsinki

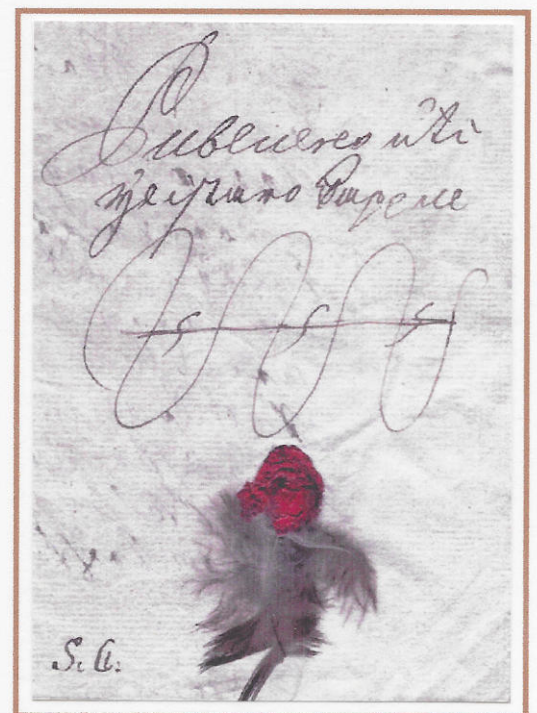


Copy of 1800 Letter

The Swedes brought the Roman Catholic church to Finland in 1157, and Sweden occupied Finland. Finland became a Swedish Province In 1367, and In 1807 Sweden ceded Finland to Russia



Wavy Line Meander Crown Coil



3 January, 1774, Official Proclamation posted during the time of King Gustaf III Contents written in Swedish. Contains two feathers indicating the level of urgency, both embedded in red sealing wax