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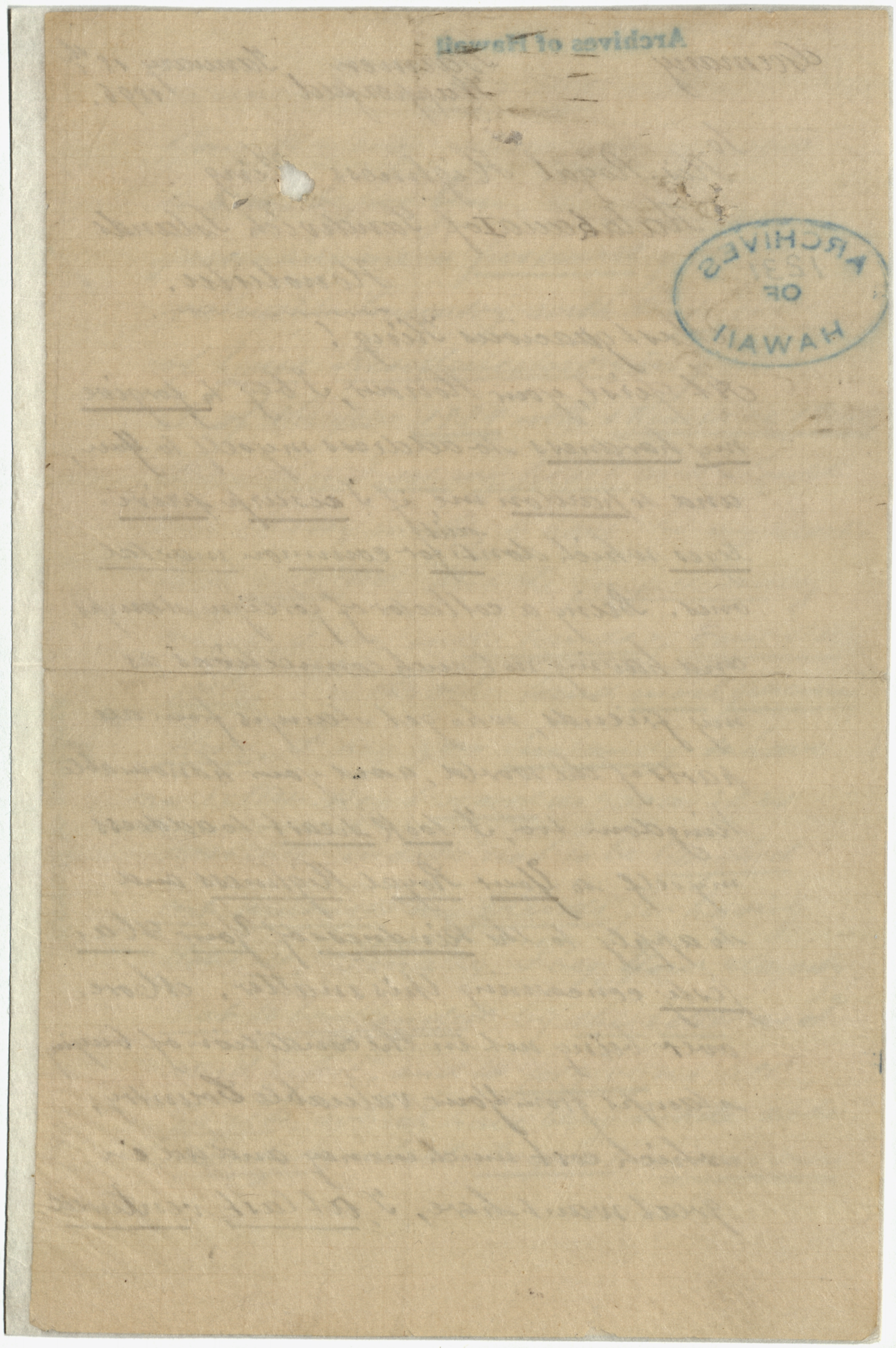
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To His Royal Highness King
Kalakaua I of Sandwich Islands
Honolulu.

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Most gracious King!

At first, your Honour, I beg to forgive my hardness to address myself to You, and to pardon me if I usurp privileges which don't suit for common mortal ones. Being a collector of foreign stamps, and having not such connections as my friends, who get stamps from all parts of the world, and your honourable Kingdom too, I took heart to address myself to Your Royal Highness and to apply to the kindness of Your Majesty concerning this matter. Moreover being not in the condition of buying stamps from Your valuable Country, which cost much money and are in great want here, I, at last, ventured

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to undertake this step and so,
Your Majesty, allow, your devoted
to bring before You, the entreaty of
presenting me a postcard from Your
valuable Country with the picture
of Your Residencetown in front of
it of the year 1884 with 1 Koneta re 1 Cent.
Upon this I set my heart and should
like it very much, to have this my heart's
wish fulfilled, but the fulfillment of
which, I lay in the hands of your Ma-
jesty. On the other hand most gracious
King, I beg you instantly to have
my letter Kept secret as far as it is
possible, in order not to be laughed
out amongst my friends for having
done so. Finally I beg, Your Majesty,
not to be offended by this letter as I
said before, and to forgive me all
faults, which have been made as to
the style, which I repent in advance,

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from the bottom of my heart, because it is too difficult for common mortals as I am, to find the right way, how people have to address themselves to their King, whom they believe to be a supernatural living, as instituted by God, therefore, please be not offended.

Your most obediant servant

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Your Majesty be not offended I implore you and spare me disagreeable things, if I that which I have done should not be as it ought to be.

Once more your most obediant servant.