Dear Sir

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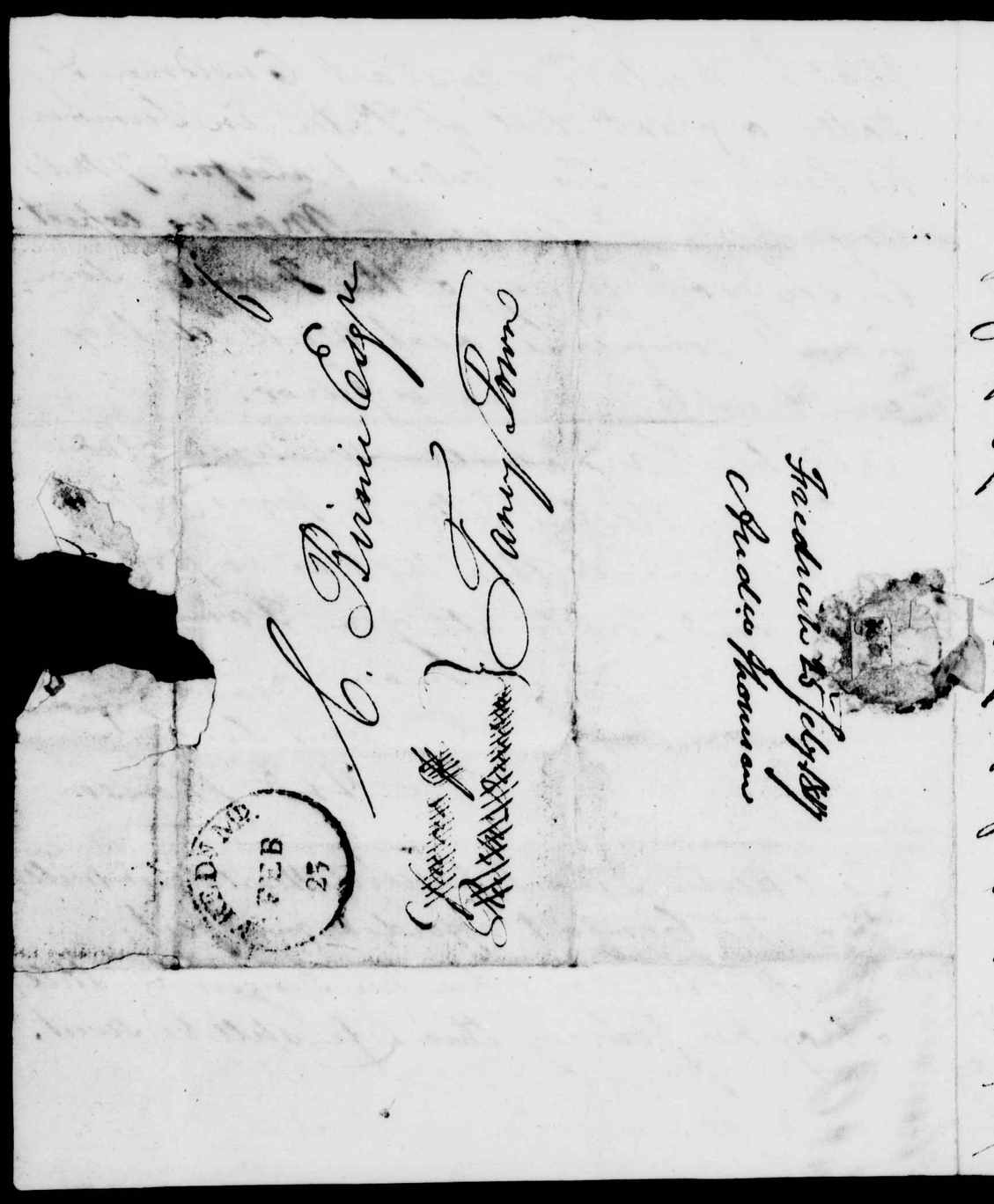
The Head Brewer in Frederick rec'd your esteemed Letter some Time ago, & altho' you might be Jesting the designation was perfectly correct, for bitter Beer need not be drank by any one than mine has been ever since I began, & worse trash never was offered in the Shape of Drink than that made by the other. I began on the 3rd of Decemr & have brewed 12 Times about an Average of 10 Barrels each Time, & have none on hand but what is Just old enough to go out. The opinion I formed of the place is likely soon to be realized, & I have no doubt, my Journey to Frederick