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G.O., No. 384, 25th March 1874.

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Tirvajasti or Water-rate.

Approves and confirms Board's proposals regarding rules to be introduced for levy of — and directs report, with financial results, to be made to Board after two years' trial.

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To the Board of Revenue.

Ed. Md. Pabliwan.

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MEMORANDUM.

Requested for reference

The return of the list of collectors' replies submitted to Government with Bds' Progs. 8/15 November 1873 No: 2328 on the subject of Irrigation or water-rate.

REVENUE BOARD OFFICE,
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11 September 1886.

By Sub-Secretary.

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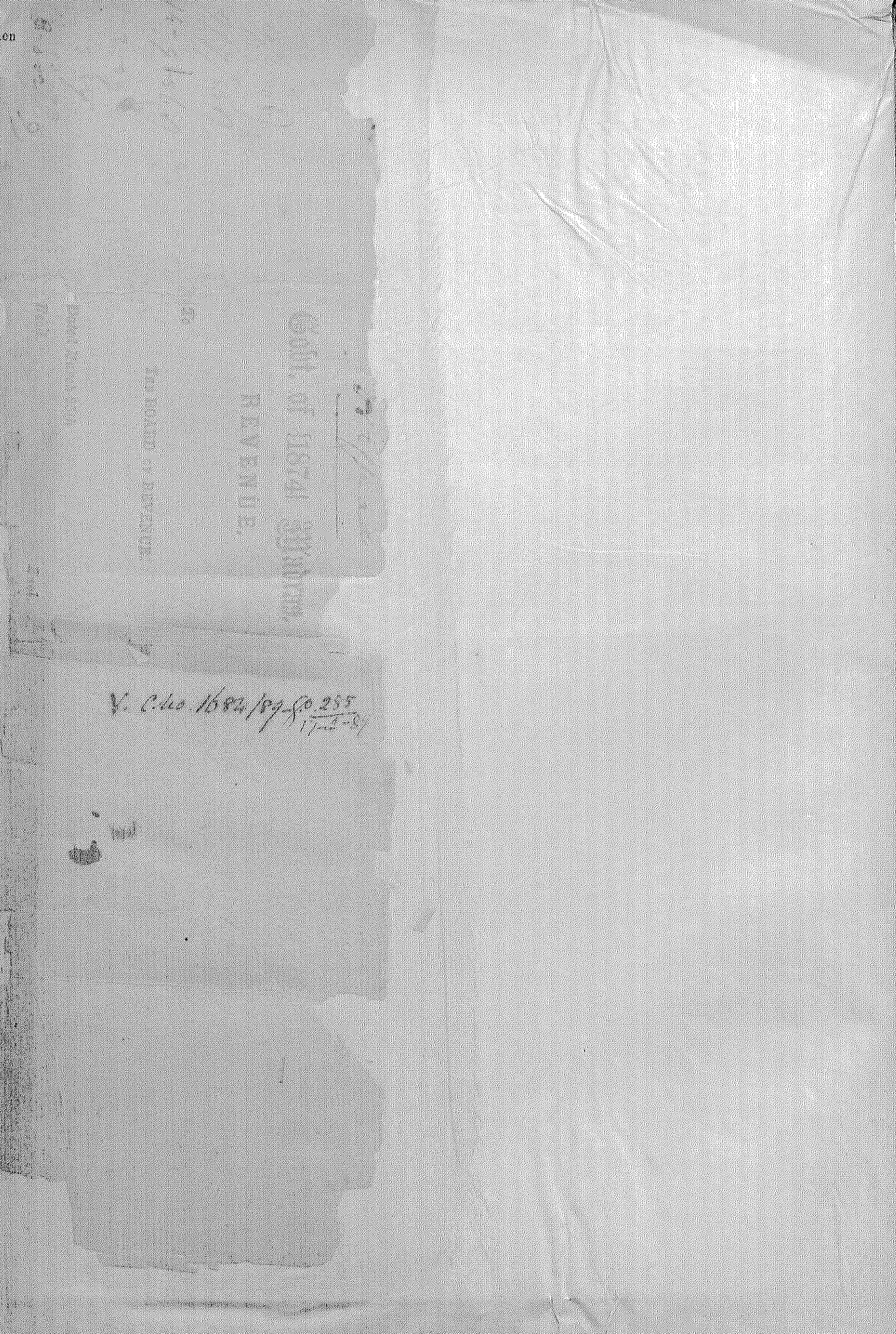
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