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Forests, No. 4.

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(True Extract.)

(Signed) C. G. MASTER,
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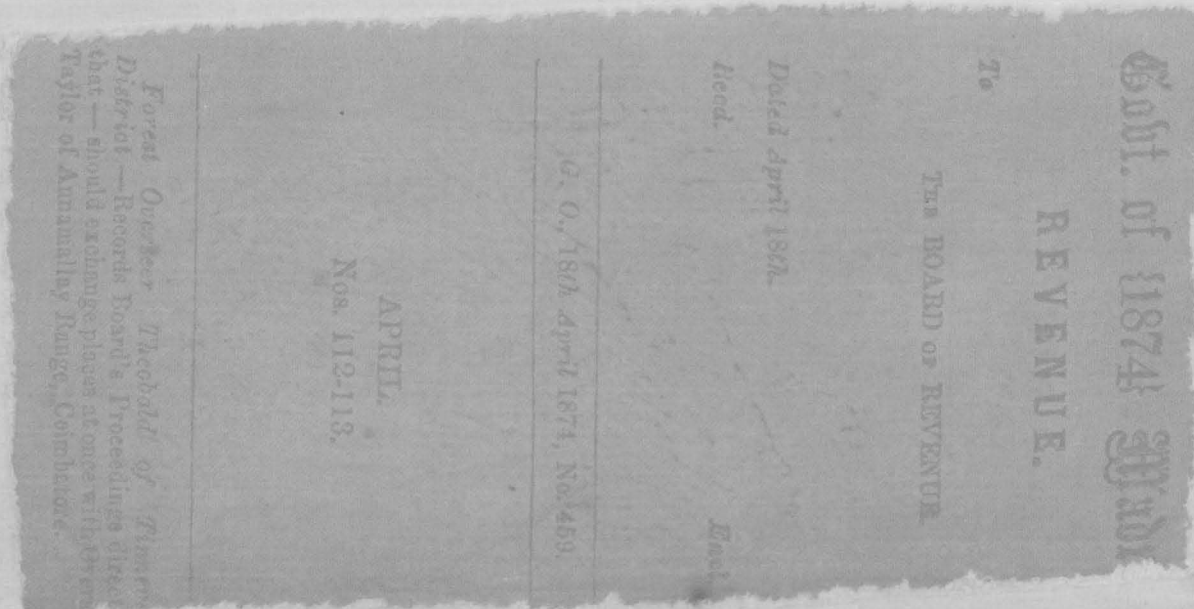
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Secretary.

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