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Exd. J. A. Wilson.

P.M. 1857 Department
Comm 29th Sept.
No 1886

Extract Minute of Comm
in the Financial Military
Department.

Read 21st } September 1857
Recd 22d }

Transmitting Copy of Letter
from the Commissioner
of Police of the Metropolis
Submitting Estimate of Expense
for Police Force for the Year
1858 and requesting that
the same may be laid before
the Secretary at War with
a view to its being submitted
to Parliament in the event
of the Government
approving thereof.

Read 30th Sept. 1857

Copied to the Treasury Sept 30th

No 1851

Forwarded to Commissioners
of Treasury with a request that
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mentioned in the Letter
of the Commissioner of Police
of the Metropolis of the 21st
Inst. to be laid before
Parliament in the event
of their Lordships
approving thereof.

T.S.

Copied to the Treasury Sept 30th

No 31862.