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No. 5. ORDER THEREON, No. 33; dated 5th January 1859.

Referred to the Public Department.

(Signed) W. H. BAYLEY,
Acting Secretary to Government.

Central Office of Public Works.
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