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(A true Copy.)

(Signed) C. W. READE, *Collector.*

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ORDER THEREON, 2nd April 1862, No. 657.

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Exd. J. Wright.