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No. 532. Order thereon, 24th June 1869, No. 2,051.

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(True Extract.)
(Signed) CHARLES A. ORR, Colonel, R. E.,
Secretary to Government.

Exd. S. T. Augustin.

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