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(A true Copy and Extract.)

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No. 161. ORDER THEREON, 14th December 1875, No. 1,860.

Miscellaneous.

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Ed. J. Tulloch.