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PREFACE

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I am honoured to dedicate this report to the memory of the late Charles Wright. He was a stalwart defender of Toledo to his dying breath. Two of his manuscripts, which I received from John McGill, have become his indomitable voice even after his death. In including them as appendix to this report I am bringing them to a wider audience, a process that needs to be continued.

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