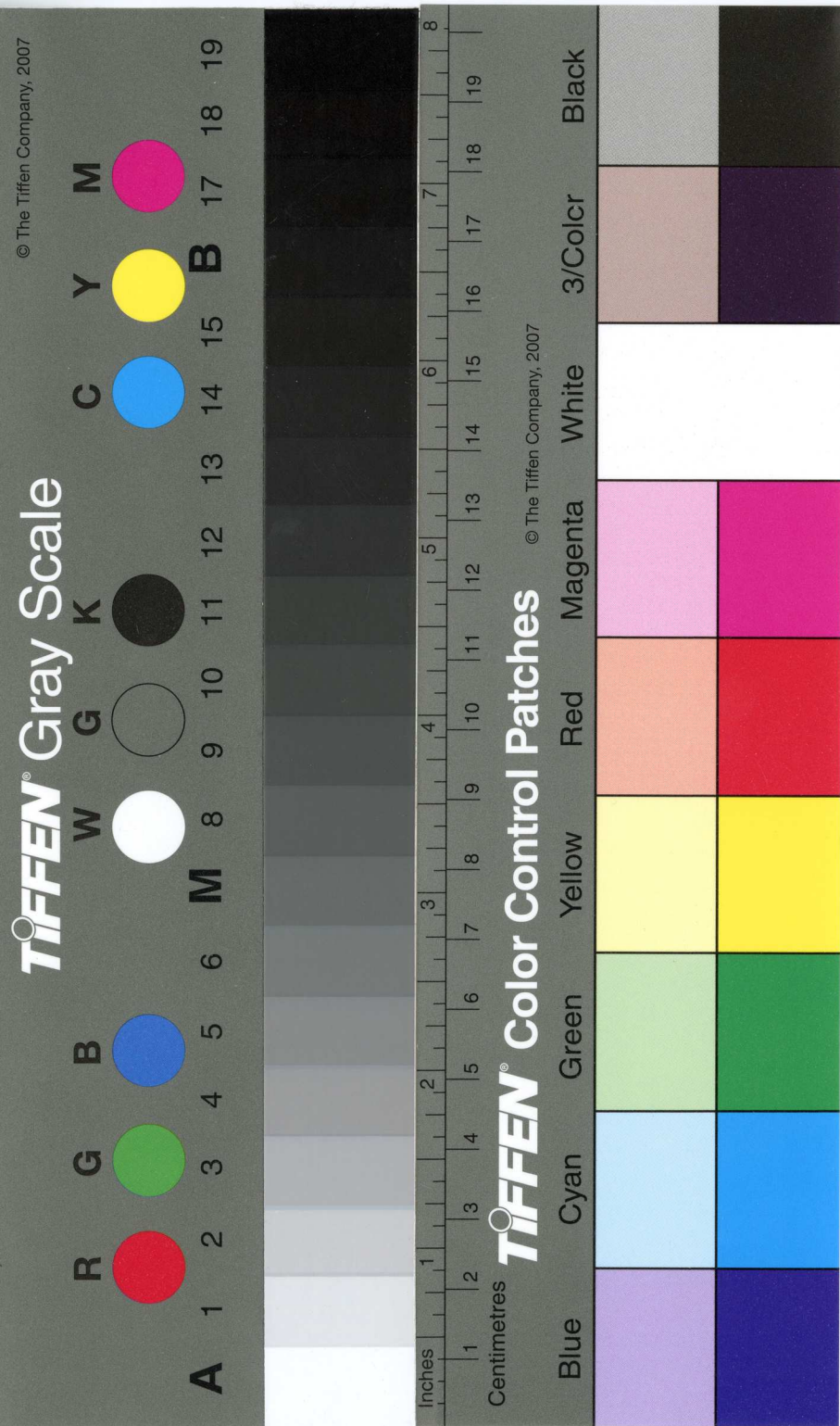




confident opinion of the Tenants and their
counsel: for your Com: were satisfied that
these questions could be settled only by our
Legal Tribunals, and it would be exceeding-
ly desirable if this could be done with the
consent of all those interested in the matter.
An adverse proceeding would have proved ex-
ceedingly expensive and might have been
prolonged for years.

After considerable delay
your Com: was much gratified to learn that
the Tenants of the larger Tract had determi-
ned to adopt the suggestion of the Com:
and to have the opinion of the Supreme Court
taken as expeditiously as possible.

This was a
very important point gained and a bill was
soon after filed in the Sup. Ct. of the E.D. of
Pa. (The Phila: Library Coy. &c vs. Andrew
J. Beaumont et al. In Equity Jan'y 1861. No-
32) Setting out the whole case of the Plain-
tiffs which was immediately answered by
the Defendants and the cause submitted
without any extended argument to the Judge
sitting at nisi Prius who on the 26th Jan'y
1862 entered a decree that the valuation
should be of the fair market value of the tract
with