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Revenue **DEPARTMENT.**

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† *Rupees* 3,753.

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They are thus swelled to the comparatively large sum of Rupees 4,273.

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14. The salt establishments are now undergoing revision by Mr. Pelly, and this circumstance, as well as the general re-organization of the department with a view to its increased efficiency, renders it unnecessary to issue any orders on the subject of this reference.

(A true Extract.)

(Signed) J. D. SIM, *Secretary.*

No. 68. ORDER THEREON, 7th March 1860, No. 359.

Orderd to be recorded.

(Signed) J. D. BOURDILLON,
Secretary to Government.

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To

T. PYCROFT, Esq., Chief Secretary to Government.

Copy to Collectors of Salt manufacturing Districts.

Exd. J. Wright.

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