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Government of Madras.

Revenue DEPARTMENT.

G.O. No.	2788	Press / Mis.
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Dated	13th October	1969.

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SEPTEMBER
No. 6,894.

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79. ORDER THEREON, 13th October 1869, No. 2,788.

Separate Revenue, No. 12.
Salt.

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(True Extract.)

(Signed) R. A. DALYELL,

Acting Secretary to Government.

Board of Revenue.
Accountant-General.

R. Bantleman.

1 Revenue Departt

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Proceedings of the Madras Govt
under date the 13th Octr 69
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1 Recommending retention, for the present, of Gopulapalli Salt Station authorized to be abolished.

(P. C. 14 Septr 69 to 2894)

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14 To the Board of Revenue dy 16 Oct
6 Mr Secretary Laylor S

Sd H. Bell
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CUSTOMS SALT & EXCISE
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To

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