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No. 490. Read the following Proceedings of the Madras Government in the Revenue Department, dated 15th November 1876, No. 1,687:—

Read the following Proceedings of the Board of Revenue, dated 9th November 1876, No. 2,.

Read the following letter from R. W. BARTON, Esq., Collector of the Chingleput District, to H. E. STOKES, Esq., Joint Secretary to the Board of Revenue, dated Saidapet, 4th November 1876, p. 615.

ADVERTING to paragraph 2 of the Proceedings of the Board, No. 1,491, dated 6th June last, and, with reference to my Nos. 29 and 316, dated respectively 1st and 30th May 1876, in which I reported on the agricultural prospects of the district and the relief works which might be required hereafter, though not then necessary, I regret now to have to inform the Board that the total failure of the north-east monsoon up to date, following a loss of dry crops and the bad seasons of the previous year, makes the opening of relief works in certain localities imperatively called for at once.

2. The parts where relief is most required are, as I anticipated at paragraph 10 of my No. 316 above quoted, the northern portion of the district and the western part of Conjeveram Taluq; to these I must add the southern part of the Trivellore Taluq and the part of Saidapet bordering on Conjeveram and Trivellore.

3. I have just returned from Ponnery, and have visited some of the principal villages, where distress was reported to be most felt, and there can be no question that things are in a critical state; the poorer classes are on short fare and cannot get work, and are beginning to leave their villages, while the well-to-do are pinched and cannot afford to help them. This was only what I anticipated and what I was watching carefully, if we did not have a good north-east monsoon. Last year, though heavy remissions were granted, the ryots lost all profit; this year the dry crops are an utter failure as a rule, and now there is no north-east monsoon and no wet crops. I passed fields and fields of manavary (rain-fed) lands, of which there is so much in the Ponnery Taluq, planted with wet crops in anticipation of heavy rainfall, withered or withering; in fact those who have not planted nunja are better off than those who have, as they have saved their seed.

4. I enclose a table (A) showing the cultivation of this and the past three years. The falling off this year as compared even with last, a bad season, is most marked. I enclose translations of extracts (B, C, D, G, and H) from arzis and season reports received from the Tahsildar of Ponnery, and propose the following relief works* in Ponnery Taluq, and request an immediate grant of Rupees 15,000. No ponds will be deepened or repaired, unless they have springs and are near roads, and therefore useful to the general public:—

Vide Tabular Statement marked La

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2. The South Indian Railway Department Public Works, to avail himself of this sanction. The work, it is presumed, would afford all the relief desired by the

be requested, through the this sanction. The work, it is presumed, sector.

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D. F. CARMICHAEL,

Secy. to Govt., R.D.

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RAILWAY, No. 63A.

COMMUNICATED to the Consulting Engineer for Railways, who will call on the Agent the South Indian Railway to at once set in

hand the conversion of the Arcanum-Corveveram line so as to afford employment for the distressed poor of the Chingleput District.

2. It is understood that the estimates for the Narnaveram river embankments

* In February last.

have been returned* to the Superintending Engineer for revision. Those for the

Cortiliar embankments are with the Chief Engineer for Irrigation, and will be reviewed shortly. Until these estimates have been approved, it is not desirable that any work in connection with them should be undertaken, but should it be absolutely necessary to start them as famine relief works, the Superintending Engineer will take care that the details are carried out in accordance with the instructions on which the Narnaveram embankment estimates are being revised.

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C. M. S. S.

Major-General, R.E.,
Secretary to Government.

To the Consulting Engineer for Railways
,, Chief Engineer for Irrigation.
,, Superintending Engineer, Ching
,, Revenue Department. *ms*

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THE CONSULTING ENGINEER
FOR RAILWAYS,
S.E. &c., &c.

Dated November 23rd.

From

Mr. G. S. S.

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On 28th Nov. 1876, No. 3181

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Nos. 480-481.

Conversion of the Arconum-Congeveram Line
to the narrow gauge. - Proceedings of the
Revenue Department requesting that the
may be put in hand as a relief work, com-
municated to the Consulting Engineer for
Railways with remarks N^o 2983

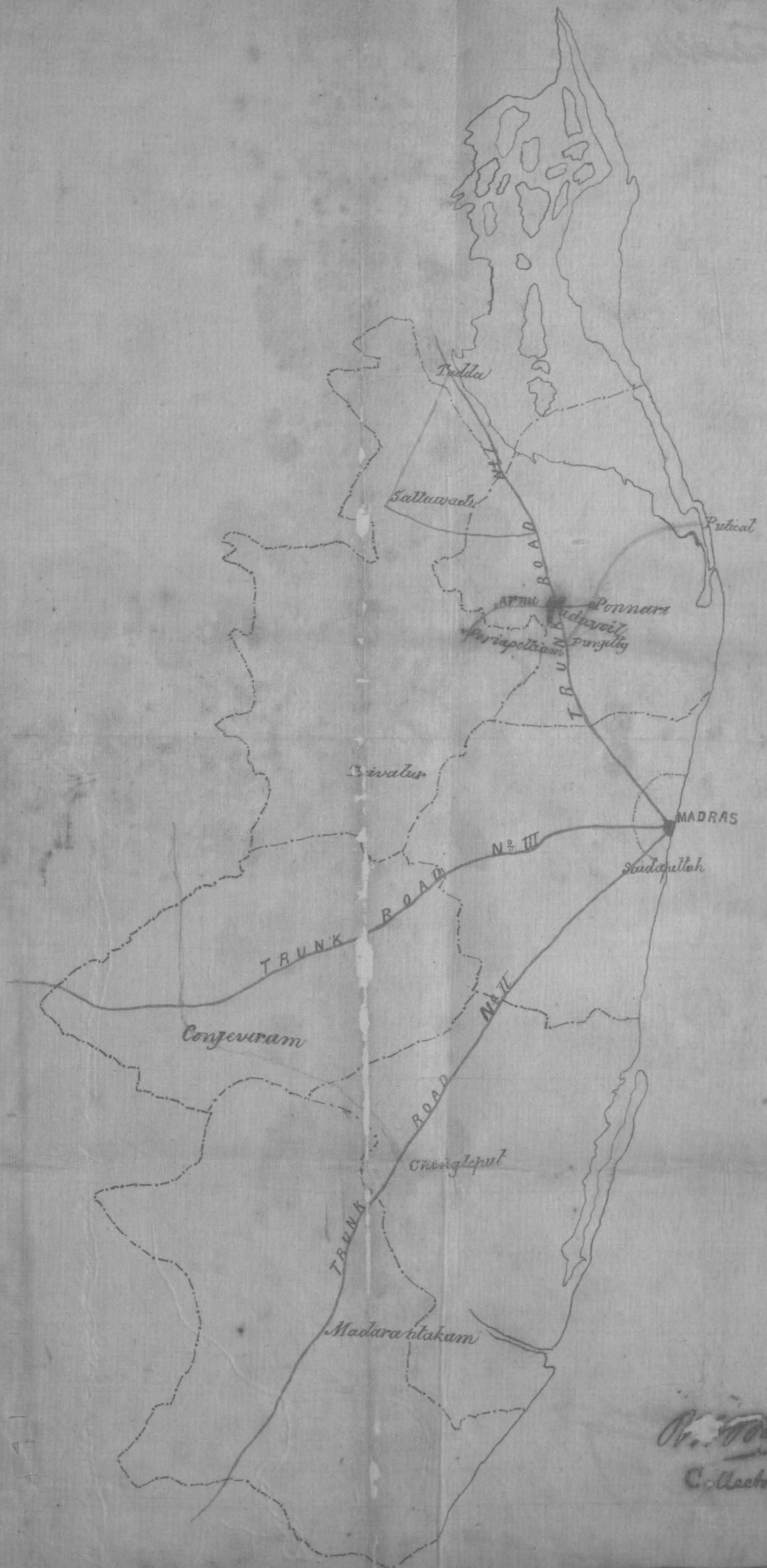
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R. S. S.
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