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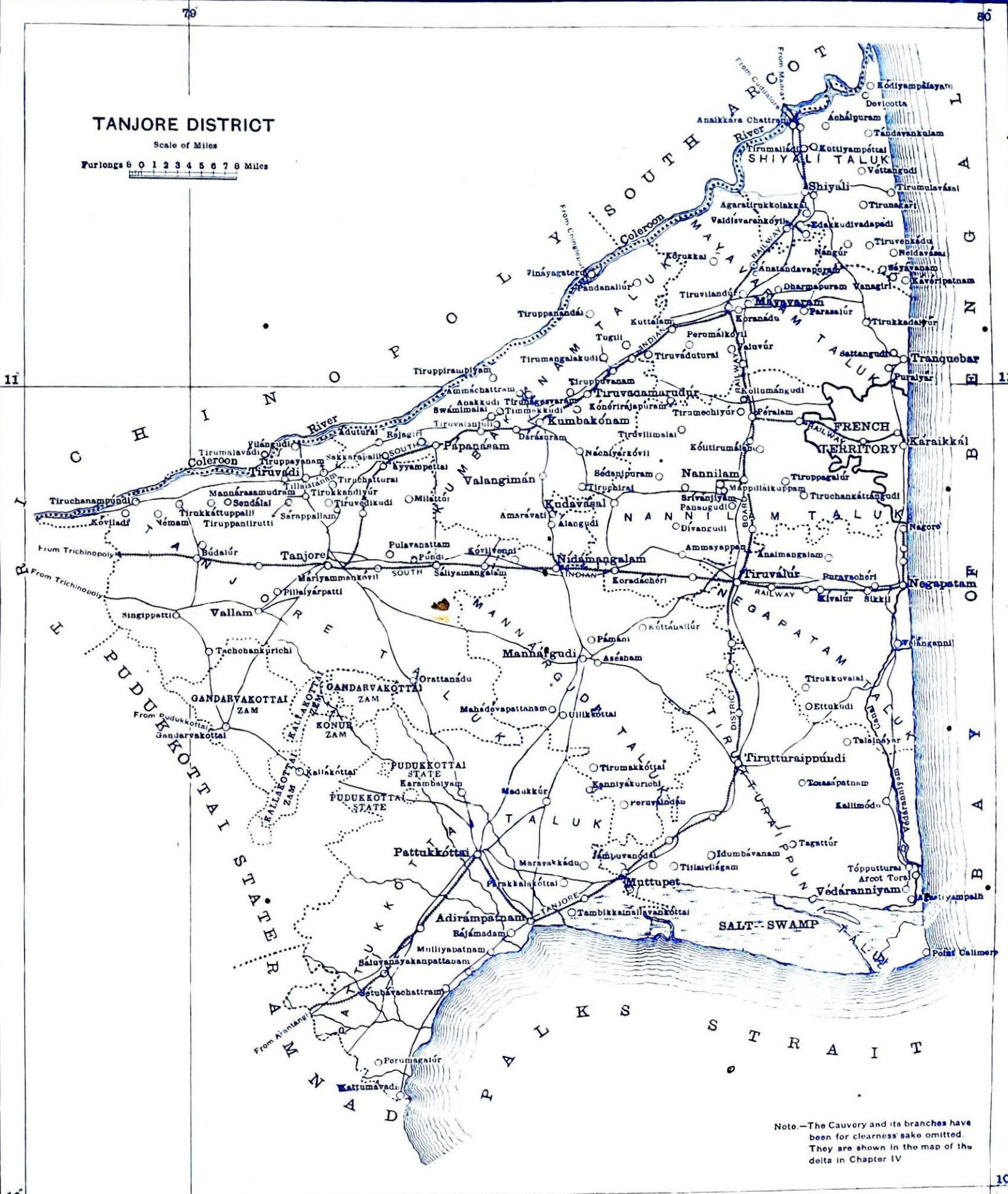
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THIS Gazetteer of the Tanjore district has been prepared on a plan prescribed by Government according to which statistics have been relegated as far as possible to a separate Appendix which is to be decennially revised. Under orders, the Arantangi division, which it is intended to separate from the district, has been excluded from consideration.

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