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11. *Repairs.*—The sum expended on repairs amounted to Rupees 5,563-5-2, which includes Rupees 950 spent by the Revenue Department for white-washing and annual monsoon repairs to revenue buildings. The outlay incurred by the Public Works Department was entirely on works of a petty nature estimated to cost less than Rupees 500 each, with the exception of the repairs to the District Jail at Mangalore, the estimate for which amounts to Rupees 10,330. Of this amount Rupees 2,800-10-0 were expended in 1874-75, and a further outlay of Rupees 2,218 was incurred in the year under report. The work is in progress.

12. Local Funds.—I now beg to notice briefly the outlay incurred upon Local Fund works, which constitute the bulk of the work carried out by the Public Works Department.

13. As will be seen from the marginal statement the funds allotted for the different works amounted to Rs. 1,44,429, of which 73 per cent. were utilized during the year.

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	Rs.	Rs.	Rs.
1874-75 ...	1,42,667	1,26,621	16,046
1875-76 ...	1,44,429	1,05,805	38,624

14. The unexpended balance contrasts unfavorably with that of the previous year, being more than double of that which remained unutilized in 1874-75. The short expenditure is traceable to various causes, which will be duly noticed in the Special Annual Report on the administration of Local Funds, but I may here remark that the complaint I made in last year's report that the district was under-officered, and that the charge of a large range was thrown upon the District Engineer, was not practically remedied until December 1875.

15. New Works—*Communications.*—The allotment for this item was Rupees 57,926, of which Rupees 1,456 were allotted for expenditure by "Other Agency."

16. The following were the principal works executed during the year:—

Mangalore Range.

(1.) Construction of a bridge of two arches across Bramerkutloo stream on the Mangalore and Mercara road. Estimate Rupees 8,800.

of which Rupees 7,800 were allotted. Of this sum only Rupees 2,139 was expended, and for this the foundation of the eastern abutment and pier was laid, and the superstructure built up to 1½ feet in height. The District Engineer states that it was impossible to commence the work before December owing to the quantity of water in the river, and therefore the grant could not be fully utilized.

(2.) Construction of a timber bridge over the Sanoor river on the road from Mangalore to Mysore by the Agoomby ghaut. Estimate Rs. 11,920.

This work was completed for Rupees 12,031-13-3, of which Rupees 2,025-1[illegible]-3 were expended in the year under report. This bridge appears to be solidly and [illegible]ell built with granite piers, wooden beams, and iron and asphalte roadway.

(3.) Retracing and widening the branch line to Benhatty on the road from Collur ghaut to Sauger. Estimate Rupees 11,240.

A further outlay of Rupees 4,300 was incurred upon this road, Rupees 2,215 having been spent in the previous year. The work is in progress.

(4.) Widening portions of the Mangalore and Mercara road. Estimate Rupees 820.

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An allotment was made for this very necessary improvement. The work, however, was not carried out; the District Engineer stating that a revised estimate was necessary.

(5.) Constructing a single arched bridge over the Chantemar stream on the Kodekal ghaut road. Estimate Rupees 5,000.

The whole of this sum was allotted for expenditure, but only Rupees 2,612-10-11 or one half appears to have been expended. A portion (Rupees 2,000), however, of the funds was allotted so late as December 1875.

	Estimate.	Allotment.	Expenditure.
	Rs.	Rs.	Rs. A. P.
(6) Construction of an iron latticed girder bridge across the Feringapett river.	15,200	7,400	2,219 12 8

Rupees 10,000, or two-thirds of the estimate, were at first allotted for this bridge in July, but in the course of the year the District Engineer intimated his inability to expend the whole of this sum, as the iron work ordered from Madras could not be received in the district in proper time and transfers were therefore made to other works.

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Metalling the two roads, viz.—

(1.) From Mangalore to the Mysore frontier by the Sampaje ghaut. Estimate Rupees 27,250.

(2.) From Manzerabad ghaut to Mani *via* Upperangady. Estimate Rupees 23,100.

Of these the former has a balance of estimate, amounting to Rupees 15,910, to be worked out, of which Rupees 3,878-7-2 were expended during the year. On the second work the outlay during the year was Rupees 3,535-3-9, the previous expenditure being Rupees 9,702-0-3, leaving Rupees 9,863 as the balance of the estimate to be worked out hereafter.

(3.) Construction of an iron girder bridge over the Nelliadi stream on Road No. 2 from Manzerabad ghaut to Mani. Estimate Rupees 10,000.

This has been completed for Rupees 9,854-11-1, of which Rupees 2,378-0-8 were expended in the year.

(4.) Construction of an iron latticed girder bridge over the Benglar stream on the above road. Estimate Rupees 5,700.

The whole of this amount was allotted for expenditure, of which, however, Rupees 1,000 were not utilized during the year. The work is still in progress.

The expenditure on new works by "Other Agency" was insignificant and calls for no special remark.

17. *Repairs.*—Under this head the aggregate allotment for special works of repair, and for the annual maintenance of roads, &c., amounted to Rupees 70,131-8-0, of which Rupees 66,152 were expended. The difference is either the short expenditure, or savings accrued on individual works.

18. The special repairs consisted principally of the renewal or partial reconstruction of the timber platforms and other repairs to timber bridges on different lines of road, often of inconsiderable size or cost, and most of which were commenced in previous years. The cost of keeping up these structures absorbs a large portion of the Local Funds available for "Communications," and the Local Fund Board have

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