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Buildings and Roads.
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I have the honor to submit, for sanction, a plan and estimate for reconstructing the tiffin-rooms south of the Civil Engineering College. The estimate amounts to Rs. 2,576.

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ORDER—dated 29th May 1885, No. 1251 W., Public Works.

The estimate, amounting to Rs. 2,576, for reconstructing the clerks' tiffin-rooms at Chepâk, is sanctioned, for execution when funds are available.

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(Signed) J. SHAW-STEWART, Colonel, R.E.,
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To the Consulting Architect to Government, with two enclosures.
„ Examiner, Public Works Accounts, with duplicate abstract estimate.
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