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**Close of the Session.**

In our preceeding columns, we have given a condensed summary of the proceedings of Congress, on the last day of the session.—It will be seen, that among many other important bills that were lost by the want of time, or the disagreement of the two Houses, was the bill making Appropriations for Fortifications. The loss of this bill will be attended with very serious *inconvenience to many of our citizens, as it contained an appropriation of One Hundred Thousand Dollars for the works at Fort Adams*; the expenditures on this work has, for the last ten years, furnished employment for a great number of our mechanics and others, and also for several hundred Irish laborers, who will now be compelled to seek elsewhere for employment.

The loss of the Fortification Bill appears to have led to mutual recrimination between the two Houses, each charging the loss of the bill to the other.

There appears to be but one sentiment throughout the country, in regard to the adjournment of Congress without passing the Appropriation Bill for Fortifications, and it is a sentiment of unmingled dissatisfaction.—On Monday last, all the laborers, &c. at Fort Adams, were dismissed by Col. Totten, and this important work, which has cost already nearly a Million of Dollars, is for the present year abandoned, and without having a single gun mounted.

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**T**hrough some diligent research by Father Robert Hayman, Providence Diocesan Historian, this newsletter has reproduced several articles that appeared in the Newport Mercury in 1826, 1829, 1833 and 1835. Father Hayman's research also covered articles from the *Herald of The Times*, Newport, and from Bishop Fenwick's memoranda. (Bishop Fenwick of Boston was this area's leader during the Fort's construction.) The newsletter will publish other items from Father's work in later issues.