

*From the Newport Mercury .*

**FORTIFICATIONS.**— Among the documents which accompanied the President's Message to Congress, is the Report of the Chief of the Engineer Department, of the operations for the year ending Sept. 30th. It occupies seven columns. We select from it the following:—

*Fort Adams, Newport, R. I.* —The most satisfactory progress has been made in this work during the past season. The operations on it have been directed, principally, to turning and roofing casemate arches of mainwork ; to the completion of the scrapwall on the east front ; to the construction of permanent galleries under the S. W. bastion, the counterscrap walls of the S. E, and S. W exterior front ; and the permanent drains of the work generally