

From the Herald of the Times.

Col. J. G. Totten. — This truly valuable and accomplished officer, has recently entered upon his duties as Chief of the Engineer Department, at Washington. By an order from the Secretary of War, all communications for the Department, will therefore herevfter be addressed immediately to him.

Col. Totten, we presume, will now be under the necessity of taking up his residence at Washington. He has resided in this place about sixteen years, during which period he has been assiduously and untiringly engaged as Superintendent in the construction of the extensive Fortifications erecting at Fort Adams. As a skillful and experienced Engineer, he has but few, if any superiors — to this the immense Public Works referred to will bear ample and enduring testimony. As a gentleman, no one we venture to say, ever deported himself nearer to the true meaning of the term, in all his intercourse with our citizens and those in his employ. He will leave behind him in Newport many warm friends, who, while they feel gratified at his promotion to a station he so well deserves, will nevertheless most sincerely regret his removal from among them.