

ENGINEER'S REPORT.

Among the Documents which accompanied the President's Message to Congress, is Gen. Macomb's Report on the state of new Fortifications, &c. from which make the following extract, shewing the progress of the works now erecting in this Harbour:—

"The Fortification at BRENTON'S POINT, which has been named *PORT ADAMS*, was commenced last Year, under an appropriation for purchasing the site and collecting materials. This year, besides the completion of a very minute survey, and levelling of the site, which had been commenced last year, the construction of extensive wharves for landing materials, the construction of cranes, and other labor saving machinery, and the conducting of other auxiliary operations, the excavations of earth and stone for the foundations, and the laying of the same in stone masonry, were effected to nearly the whole extent of the eastern, northern and western fronts. The construction of the eastern wall of the bastion and northern front was also commenced, and in some parts carried to the height of nearly five feet. The three fronts commenced, are on the water side, and the remaining two fronts which have not been commenced are on the land side of the fort. The greater part of the funds applicable to this work which remain unexpended, have been reserved to fulfil contracts which will not be completed until next year."

The Engineer estimates the sum necessary to complete the Fortifications erecting at Brantons Point, at \$681,537.

The following table also exhibits the works projected by the Board of Engineers for the defence of this Harbor and Narraganset Bay, and which are to be commenced as soon as possible :

Fort at Dumplin's Point,	\$578,846 57
Fort at Rose Island,	22,411 74
Dyke across the West Passage,	205,000 00
Works for the defence of Conan- net Island,	220,062 48

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