

NAVY YARD IN NARRAGANSETT BAY.

There is a prospect that at some time or other, the claims of the best harbor in the Union, for a naval depot, will triumph over the sectional jealousy which has hitherto prevented the establishment of one in Narragansett Bay. Two reports have been made upon the subject, both in the highest degree favorable; but until lately no movement has taken place which indicated the prospect of the proper action by Congress.

When the bill for a dry dock in Brooklyn, N. Y., was under consideration, Mr T. LINGHAST rose and addressed the House, calling its attention to the superior advantages of the Narragansett Bay for a naval station, showing them in various points of view, stating the reports of former commissioners of survey, and the opinions of naval officers derived from a correspondence he had had on the subject, with a view to an establishment in those waters—and gave notice that he should make this the subject of a measure he should move as soon as he should have an opportunity. A sketch of his speech was published in the Intelligencer which we do not now find on our files, but in the account of the proceedings of the House, on the 14th Jan., 1839, is the following:

Mr T. LINGHAST submitted the following joint resolution, which was read twice, and committed to a committee of the Whole on the State of the Union:

Joint Resolution, directing examinations and estimates for a navy yard in Narragansett bay.

"Whereas examinations and surveys have heretofore been made in the Narragansett bay, in Rhode Island, with a view to military and naval establishments, and reports have been made to the Navy Department and communicated to Congress containing evidence of the fitness and advantages of a place upon the waters of that bay for a naval depot:

Resolved by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That the Secretary of the Navy, as soon as may be, cause such further examinations and surveys to be made as are, in his opinion, necessary for ascertaining the fitness and the relative advantages or disadvantages of a place in the said Narragansett bay for a naval establishment, yard, and depot, on shore, and the best location thereof in said bay, with estimates of probable expense; and that said estimates and the report of said examinations and surveys, when made, and all such evidence as is now or may then be in the possession of his Department as to fitness and advantages or disadvantages be, by the said Secretary communicated to Congress as soon as may be, with such views and opinions as he may deem important.

Resolved, further, That, for carrying this resolution into effect, there be now appropriated, and there is hereby appropriated, the sum of one thousand dollars, out of any money in the Treasury not otherwise appropriated."

The press of business near the close of the last short session prevented the final action of the House on these resolutions; and the subject remains for action at the next session. Mr T. has conversed with the Secretary of the Navy on the subject, and is heartily engaged in accomplishing this object.

Mr Tillinghast deserves much credit for his exertions in behalf of this praiseworthy object.