

OLD CORNERSTONE OPENED.**Document 77 Years Old Recovered
at Fort Adams, Newport.**

An interesting document was found at Fort Adams, Newport, the other day while men were blasting for the new defences. They opened an old cornerstone, which was laid on the 24th day of May, 1828. The document reads as follows:

"FORT ADAMS.

"This fort, being a part of a system of defence for the seacoast of the United States of America, was planned by Lieut. Col. J. G. Totten, member of the Board of Engineers, in the year 1820; James Monroe, President of the United States; John C. Calhoun, Secretary of War.

"The first stone was laid on the 11th of May, 1825. John Quincy Adams, President of the United States; John C. Calhoun, Vice President; James Barber, Secretary of War.

"James Fanner, Governor of the State of Rhode Island; Charles Collins, Lieutenant Governor of the State of Rhode Island; Joseph G. Totten, Major of Engineers, Brevet Lieutenant Colonel of the Army, Superintendent and Agent of Fortifications; Andrew Talcott, First Lieutenant of Engineers; Henry Brewster, First Lieutenant of Engineers; Edward H. Courtney, Second Lieutenant of Engineers; Alexander D. Bacha, Second Lieutenant of Engineers; Thompson, S. Brown, B. T., Second Lieutenant of Engineers.

"John B. Lyons, Chief Overseer; William B. Almy, Clerk; George Chapman, Overseer; Thomas Handy, Overseer; Jonathan Bunker, Overseer; Holmes Weaver, Overseer; Alexander M. McGregor, Master Mason; Edward Hammett, Master Carpenter; Tal Simmons, Master Blacksmith."

The document has been taken in charge by Lieut. Col. Willard of the Engineer Corps and will be sent to the department at Washington.