

**DEFENCES OF NEW ORLEANS.**—At the session of the Board of Assistant Aldermen, last evening, the injunctions of secrecy were removed, and the secret committee on the defences of the city made a report through Alderman Leese.

The commission of engineers appointed to prepare plans of fortifications at various points, had submitted them to the Governor and Col. Hebert, and which have been approved. Full power has been given to the engineers to take possession of certain lands and buildings for the purpose of erecting the fortifications, and all the works are now rapidly progressing. We omit the sites of the forts for prudential reasons.

Arrangements have also been made for the erection of a powder mill, and a resolution has passed authorizing the Comptroller to warrant on the City Treasurer for \$50,000, for defraying present expenses, out of the \$200,000 appropriation for the defence of the city.

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