



Port of Santos Defense Project. C.1897.
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PORTO DE SANTOS – Armada at sea & “Bandeiras” on land is intended for those who want to enjoy a rereading of our colonial history in the light of territorial expansion and the defense of the vast perimeter of the Portuguese Americas.

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THIS BOOK, based on trustworthy historical and cartographic documentation, discusses the old system for monitoring and protecting the coastal and land borders of Brazil, with a brief initiation into the economic factors that motivated the fantastic growth of the Port of Santos.

The surviving colonial fortifications (forts, blockhouses, strongholds) therefore are truly material and tangible witnesses to a long period that dates back to the ancient Captaincy of São Vicente, the foundation of Brazilian nationhood and birthplace of democracy in the Americas.

With this online version, the authors intend to encourage the production of scholarly and/or technical works in order to complete a dossier that will be completed by IPHAN (the National Institute of Historic and Artistic Heritage) and will fulfill the requirements of the process to include two fortifications from the old colonial system defending the Port of Santos on the 2015/UNESCO Tentative List, in order to compete for the title of *World Heritage Site*.