



Fort São João, 1532 / 1551

The Bertioga Canal, between Santo Amaro Island and the continent, has a history that goes back to the origins of the Brazilian colonization. So, in 1532, Martim Afonso de Souza, would-be owner of the São Vicente Hereditary Captaincy, ordered the building of a “tower in the North region of Santo Amaro Island to protect and defend the Portuguese from the natives”, according to Friar Gaspar da Madre de Deus, mentioned by Victor Hugo Mori, in *Arquitetura Militar – Um panorama histórico a partir do Porto de Santos* (Military Architecture – A Historical View Starting with Santos Port).



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