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at Length, under a Prince of Wales, Regent of the British Empire, The Matchless Harbour of Milford is likely to have ample Justice done to it, visited as it was by our Great Nelson, with two Royal Frigates; and by that Constant Judge most loudly extolled. One, one only of its numerous and great Advantages might long ago have rendered this glorious Port a Blessing to Great Britain; but a Cloud of West of England M.P.'s always fatally interposed!! Plymouth and Milford have their Ship Timber from the Severn. From Cheptow to Milford Haven in only a Voyage of twenty Hours; but to Plymouth, upon and average, of twenty days, passing the Land's End, and dangerous Silly Islands, where lurk Hostile Ships, thro' whom Down-frost oft supplies French Boats with British Oak! Oh! John Bull!! an outcry from Q. Eliza's Days went out agst Milford Haven; that it was too extensive to be fortified! But since then, the Engineer's Skill ~~has~~ ~~been~~ has been astonishingly improved. about the Year 1755. Government set about the Improvement and Security of Milford. Some points were discreetly planned; others, quite otherwise!

Since then; France has, at Cherbourg, shown us, what mighty matters can be done, by erecting Moles! By erecting Two moles in Milford Haven, what an unrivalled Harbour could Britain provide itself with! Winding quite suddenly at its Entrance, from a northern Direction, toward the East, its first and grand Reach is five Leagues long, one League broad; all still water! One high Rock in mid-Channel would serve for the Head of one Mole, from South Hook Point, on the North Shore; in three fathoms depth of Water, to be named the Regent's Mole — The South Mole, from West Nangle point, toward the Stack Rock aforesaid; so far as to leave the Entrance, 1000 Yards. This Mole to be very strong; the water being about seven fathoms deep; to be named the Britannia Mole; Then should we see our safest Harbour, from Storms, as secure from Fires, readiest for Ships, to and from all the World! — The British Regent's Loyal Servant; — ^mWilliams —

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