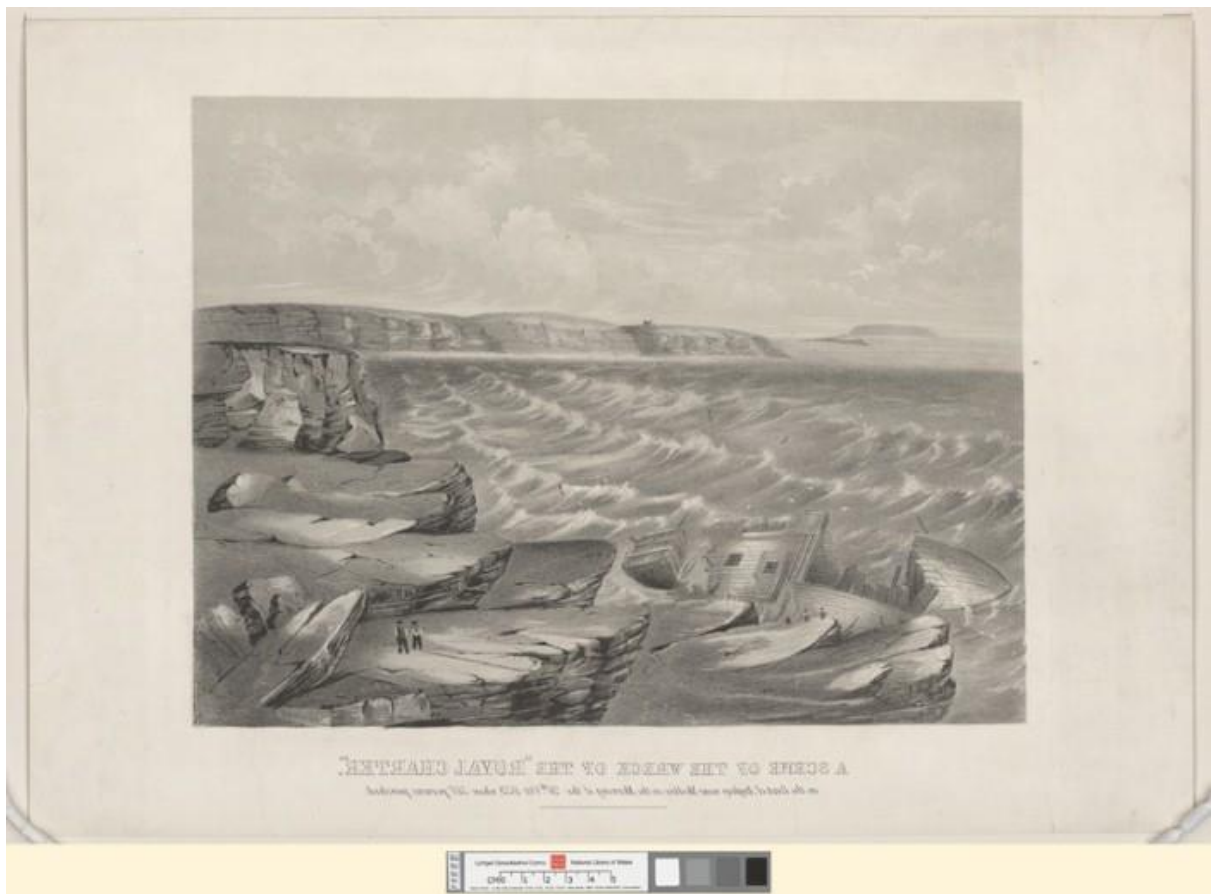


# Ship wrecks and the Great Storm



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# The Great Storm of 1859

*'The weather later that year was unsettled and the 'skies grey and brooding.'*

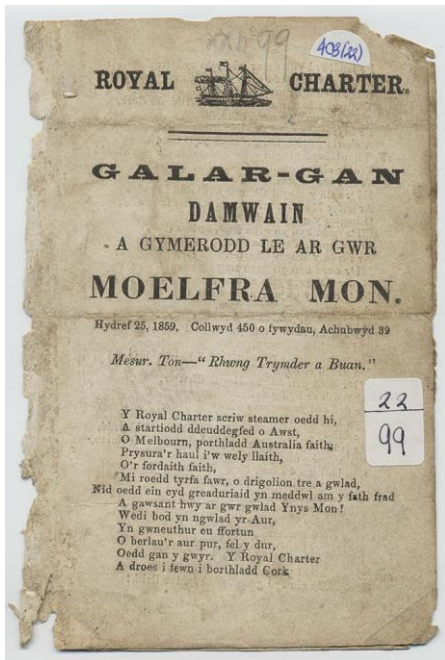
*'Middle of the afternoon the speed of the wind changed rapidly. Structural damage began to be reported in the water counties of England.'*

*'Wild waves lashing at the beaches and cliffs of the Welsh coast.'*

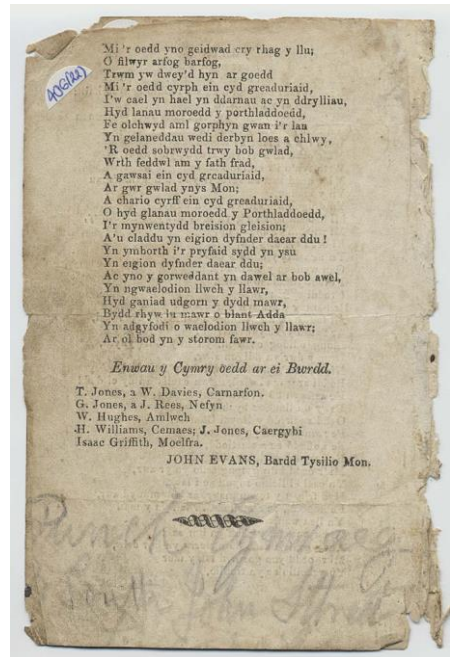
*'25/26 October waves and wind battered with unrelenting fury'*

*'Over 800 people died in the storm'*

*'459 of them are on the steamer Royal Charter which was driven into the rocks at Point Lynas near Moelfre.'*



*John Evans, 'Bardd Tysilio Môn' or 'Bardd Cocos' (1827-1895). Charter' was en her way from Australia to Liverpool*



*Tale of the 'Royal Charter' ship which was wrecked off the coast of Anglesey, near Moelfre*



*'There were dozens of shipwrecks that night'*

## *The story of the shipwrecks*

*Ship name: Charles Holmes*

*Built: Rockland, Maine, USA - 1851*

*Journey: Driven ashore near Aberbach/ Abermawr after setting out from Liverpool on another transatlantic voyage.*

*Details: it was 886/ 10 tons with two decks and a poop and three masts.*

*Carrying: General cargo consisting of coal, iron, tools, clothing, crockery and meat.*

*Died: Boat capsized at sea, killing the whole crew of 28 and one passenger was drowned.*



*This is Aberbach beach where the wreck of Charles Holmes ship was.*

## *Special Feature: The Abeona*

*Ship name:* The Abeona

*Built:* St. Dogmaels

*Built by:* George Barren

*Smack master:* David Davis

*Who purchased the ship:* David Davis purchased the ship on the 12<sup>th</sup> of August in 1852

*Which member of the Davis family was a seafarer;* Samuel Stephens

*The Abeona was a small sailing smack. During a storm it was wrecked on a reef just outside harbour arm which now protects Goodwick ferry terminal. There were no bodies recorded in the local burial register at the time, this meant that it wasn't recorded how many deaths were caused because of the wreck.*



*This book tells the tails of the Great Storm of 1859 and the background information that happened due to the storms. It takes you in to the depths of detail about the story of the shipwrecks around the great county of Pembrokeshire.*

*Near the end of the book there are some special features which tell the tale of the Abeona. The Abeona, a small sailing smack that was wrecked on a reef which now is protecting Goodwick ferry terminal.*

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