a dry-dock, that will hold a seventy-four gun-ship; and dock-yards, where have been built several ships of war for government. At all these places ship-building and repairing are carried on with great spirit, skill and industry. There was a spacious dock lower down the river at Sea-mills, but it has long been disused, and is now in ruins.

We have now to remark that there was a Bridge over the Avon in one thousand one hundred and seventy-three, which was probably of wood; for in one thousand seven hundred and sixty-seven, when the workmen perforated the old piers, to try if they were fit to support the new Bridge, they found in the middle of Redcliff-pier, a cill of oak, about a foot square and forty feet long, with two uprights near each end, about nine inches square and nine feet high, morticed into the cill, which they concluded to be the remains of the old wooden Bridge, walled up into the pier, to prevent the trouble of taking them out. The old Bridge of stone had four Gothic arcs, lofty houses on each side, and a gateway in the middle, with a chapel over it; was built in one thousand two hundred and forty-seven, and was five hundred and fourteen