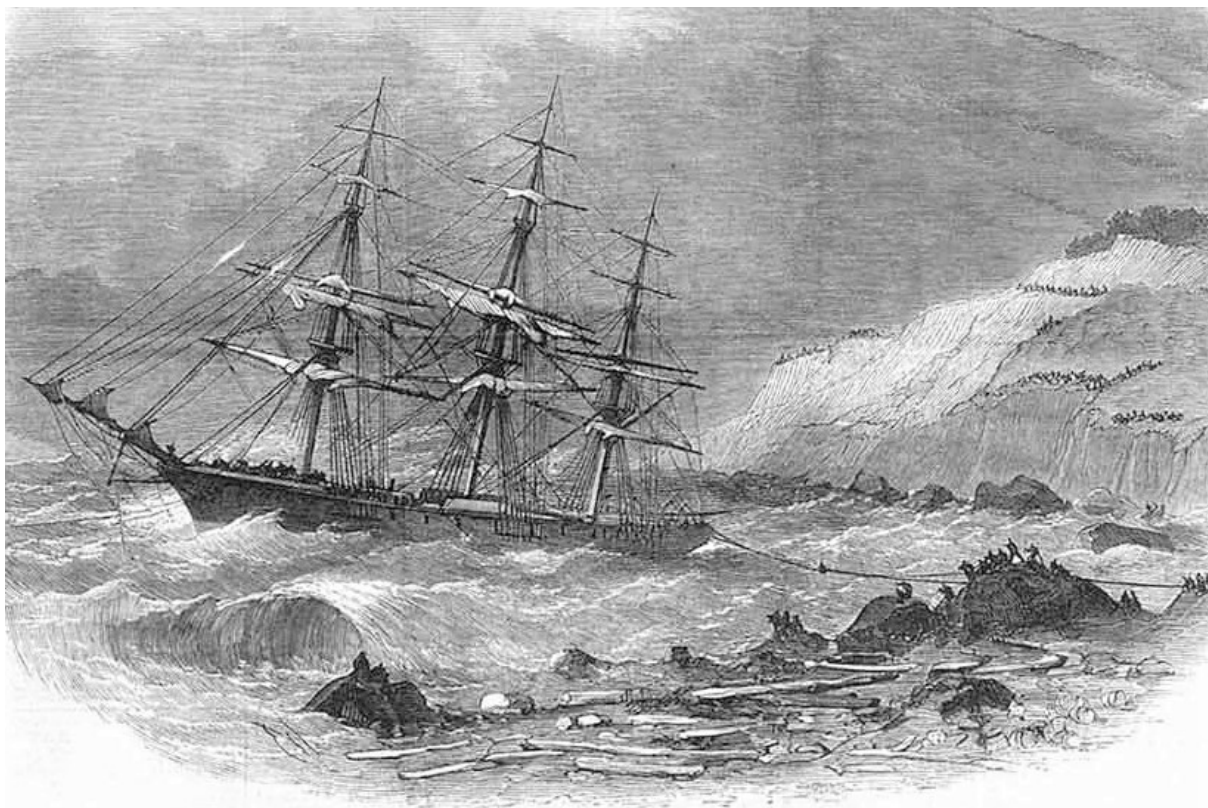


The wreck of the 'Underley.

25th September 1871.

The Underley was an iron full-rigged ship built by the Lune Shipbuilding Company in 1866 and owned at the time of her loss by the Lancaster Shipowners Company.

In September 1871, the fully rigged ship set sail from the Thames bound for Melbourne, Victoria but only two days later she ran aground and was wrecked between [Monk's Bay](#) and Steel Bay, Isle of Wight. She was driven ashore in a south-easterly gale. On board were thirty passengers, the cargo included cotton goods, machinery and gunpowder valued at £30,000. £4,029,303.26 at today's value (ref: Bank of England)



WRECK OF THE UNDERLEY AT THE BACK OF THE ISLE OF WIGHT.

Monk's Bay Isle of Wight.

Survivors were rescued by the Coastguard using rocket apparatus. All but one of her passengers and crew were saved, Mr Richard Tatton-Groves, a ships steward foolishly re-boarded the vessel, it is believed to rescue his pet bird, he was washed overboard as the ship began to break up. Attempts to refloat the vessel were in vain and she was abandoned where she lay, a total loss.

Reference: www.mightyseas.co.uk

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