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Scottish civil engineer who built three major bridges over the Thames River in London—the Waterloo Bridge, London Bridge, and Southwark Bridge. As one of the most productive civil engineers of his day, Rennie was also responsible for building many canals to help transport goods and food from their places of production to markets for purchase or export. In addition, he helped design and build several harbors, also important to the process of internal and international trade.