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GENERAL CORRESPONDENCE, G
1795—1798

1. Letter. Samuel Galton Jr. (Steelhouse Lane, Birmingham) to Boulton & Watt [Soho]. 28 Feb. 1797.
Docketed "Declines purchasing Mr. Newbold's baize."
2. Letter. Samuel Galton Jr. (Birmingham) to Boulton & Watt (Soho). 5 Mar. 1797.
Docketed "On the arms wanted by Boulton & Watt."
3. Letter. Samuel Galton Jr. [Birmingham] to James Watt (Heathfield). 27 May 1797.
Not dated – date taken from the docket.
Docketed "Murdock's invention to prevent the failure of grind stones."
4. Letter. Samuel Galton Jr. (Birmingham) to Boulton & Watt (Soho). 17 Jun. 1797.
Docketed "With account of muskets – amount £35.14. Answered June 23."
5. Letter. Samuel Galton Jr. (Birmingham) to Boulton & Watt (Soho). 24 Jun. 1797.
Docketed "Receipt of remittance in balance of his account."
6. Letter. Henry Gardner (Liverpool) to Boulton & Watt [Soho]. 9 Oct. 1795.
Docketed "Mr. Gardiner, millwright. Answered 15 Oct. Kent Meyers & Co."
7. Letter. John Gatley (Manchester) to Boulton & Watt (Soho). 17 Sep. 1798.
Docketed "Order changed from a 10 to a 12 horse engine."
8. Letter. John Gatley (Manchester) to Boulton & Watt (Soho). 1 Oct. 1798.
Docketed "Wishes to have his boiler delivered in a month or 5 weeks at furthest."
9. Letter. John Gatley (Manchester) to Boulton & Watt (Soho). 8 Oct. 1798.
Docketed "Confirmed order for a 12 horse engine."
10. Letter. Thomas Gibbons (Wolverhampton) to Boulton & Watt [Soho]. 4 Jun. 1798.
Docketed "Offer of coals and pig iron. Doubtful as to the proper construction of conductors – wishes our opinion thereon."
11. Letter. Gibson & Forbes (Northampton) to Boulton & Watt (Soho). 28 Apr. 1798.
Docketed "Directions for forwarding their engine."
12. Letter. John Gilbert & Co. per Benjamin Gregory (Marston Saltrock Pits) to Boulton & Watt (Soho). 6 Jul. 1797.
Docketed "Ordering a new set of nozzles."
13. Letter. John Gilbert & Co. per Benjamin Gregory (Marston) to Boulton & Watt (Soho). 6 Nov. 1797.
Docketed "Advice of arrival of their nozzles."
14. Letter. Thomas Gill Jr. (Birmingham) to Boulton & Watt (Soho). 15 Aug. 1797.
Docketed "Declines having an estimate."
15. Letter. Gloucester & Berkeley Canal per John Wheeler (Gloucester & Berkeley Canal Office) to Boulton & Watt (Soho). 9 Oct. 1795.
With a postscript added by Samuel Jones, Upton on Severn.
Docketed "Answered 15 Oct. 1795. Remittance."

- 16a.** Letter. John Goodier (Manchester) to Boulton & Watt (Soho). 4 Jul. 1797.
Docketed as 5 Jul. Kept with (b) below.
Docketed "Advising of his payment to Mr. Jones."
- b.** Sketch section of engine.
Marked "Sketch of an engine same as Mr. Goodier's – Manchester, Bateman & Sherratt – Salford, Carlile – Bolton, Pointon Coal Mine, Drury's at Middleton."
- 17.** Letter. Chamberlain & John Goodwin's (Park St.) to Boulton & Watt (6 Green Lettice Lane, London). 27 May 1795.
Docketed "About the fire upon their premises in 1791."
- 18.** Letter. Benjamin Gott (Leeds) to Boulton & Watt (Soho). 17 Jan. 1797.
Docketed "Mr. Whitelocke's enquiries."
- 19.** Letter. Alexander Gouk (Butshead Mill, near Plymouth) to Boulton & Watt (Soho). 7 Nov. 1798.
Docketed "Wishes estimates of steam engines."
- 20.** Letter. Gowland Clark & Co. per Richard Clark Jr. (Leeds) to Boulton & Watt (Soho). 22 Mar. 1796.
Docketed "Want engine erector."
- 21.** Letter. Gowland Clark & Co. per Richard Clark Jr. (Leeds) to Boulton & Watt (Soho). 6 Aug. 1796.
Docketed "Remit £300."
- 22.** Letter. Gowland Boyne & Co. (Leeds) to Boulton & Watt (Soho). 7 Apr. 1797.
Docketed "Statement of errors in our account."
- 23.** Letter. John Grant (Ravenhead) to Boulton & Watt (Birmingham). 27 Jul. 1795.
- 24.** Letter. John Grant (Buxton) to Boulton & Watt (Birmingham). 9 Aug. 1795.
- 25.** Letter. John Grant (Waltham Place) to Matthew Boulton (Birmingham). 21 Nov. 1796.
Docketed "Miner to sink his well."
- 26.** Letter. P. de Grave (Parson's Yard, Kensington) to Matthew Boulton (Soho). 10 Aug. 1796.
Docketed "Order of copying machines."
- 27.** Letter. Charles Gray (48 Upper Titchfield St., London) to James Watt (Birmingham). 4 Nov. 1798.
Docketed "New invention."
- 28.** Letter. Charles Gray (48 Upper Titchfield St., London) to James Watt Jr. (13 London St., London). "Monday Morning" [14 Nov. 1798].
Docketed "Appointment."
- 29.** Letter. John Gray (Shieldford, Newcastle) to Boulton & Watt (Soho). 12 Nov. 1796.
Docketed "Pontop Pike Colliery. Advises that he has sent his agreement. Wants his engine in 2 months."

30. Letter. Green Wright & Co. per Thomas Wright [Rotherham] to Boulton & Watt (Soho). — Jan. 1796.
Not dated – date taken from the docket.
Docketed “Engine set to work.”
31. Letter. William Greenall (Eccleston, Prescot) to Boulton & Watt (Birmingham). 19 Nov. 1798.
Docketed as 17 Nov.
Docketed “Enquires the price of an engine sufficiently powerful to turn 3 pairs of stones etc.”
32. Letter. William Greenall (Eccleston) to Boulton & Watt (Soho). 9 Dec. 1798.
Docketed “Wants estimate of engine to grind 12 bushels per hour – instead of a former one. Has plenty of room for engine and wishes to know how much injection water is sufficient.”
33. Letter. William Greenall (Eccleston) to Boulton & Watt (Soho). 17 Dec. 1798.
Docketed “Proposes to call in a few weeks at Soho.”
34. Letter. Daniel Gregory (Bog Mine) to Matthew Boulton (Soho). 23 Nov. 1797.
Docketed “J. Gregory. Opinion of the impracticability of raising lower lifts of pumps. Mistake of Mr. Donald in supposing them included in his purchase.”
35. Letter. Pascoe Grenfell (Copper Office, London) to Boulton & Watt (Birmingham). 17 Aug. 1795.
Docketed “Copper.”
36. Letter. Joh. Greve (Stockholm) to Boulton & Watt (Soho). 11 May 1798.
Docketed “Introducing Mr. Hedendahl.”
37. Letter. John Grieve (Ipswich) to Boulton & Watt (Soho). 6 Jul. 1797.
Docketed “Estimate of an engine.”
38. Letter. Thomas Griffith (Southwark) to Boulton & Watt (Soho). 21 Sep. 1795.
Docketed “Borough Water Works. Answered 24 Sep. 1791.”
39. Letter. Thomas Griffiths (Southwark) to Boulton & Watt (Soho). 28 Sep. 1795.
40. Letter. Thomas Griffith (Southwark) to Boulton & Watt (Soho). 5 Dec. 1795.
Docketed “Borough Water Works agreement.”
41. Letter. Thomas Griffith (Southwark) to Boulton & Watt [Soho]. 29 Dec. 1796.
Docketed “Is grieved at Messrs. Birbeck & Co.’s want of expedition.”
42. Letter. Thomas Griffith (Southwark) to Boulton & Watt (Soho). 21 Jan. 1797.
Docketed “Southwark Water Works. Wants one of our men to superintend the completion of the pump work.”
43. Letter. Thomas Griffith (Southwark) to John Woodward (13 London St., London). 10 Aug. 1797.
Docketed “To Woodward with payment of the Borough Water Works engine.”
44. Letter. John Griffiths (Redruth) to Boulton & Watt (Soho). 7 Aug. 1797.
Docketed “Ready to attest that Bull has erected an engine since the injunction was served upon him.”

45. Letter. Grimshaw Webster Hills & Scarth per M. Scarth (Sunderland) to Boulton & Watt (Soho). 9 Apr. 1796.
Docketed "Answered 12 April. Bill for £760. Boiler apparatus wanted."
46. Letter. John Grimshaw (Sunderland) to Boulton & Watt (Soho). 22 Apr. 1796.
Docketed "Manhole and bars. Remainder of castings wanted."
47. Letter. Robert Grimshaw (39 Throgmorton St., London) to Boulton & Watt (Birmingham). 4 Dec. 1798.
Docketed "Contradicts the report of his having ordered an engine."
48. Letter. Thomas Gundry (Goldsithney) to Boulton & Watt (Soho). 5 Jul. 1796.
Docketed "With notice of Trevithick's submission."
49. Letter. Thomas Gundry Jr. (Goldsithney) to Boulton & Watt (Soho). 26 Apr. 1798.
Docketed "Engages to pay for castings ordered by Mr. Murdock for Wheal Jewel West."
50. Letter. Thomas Gundry Jr. (Goldsithney) to Boulton & Watt (Soho). 23 Jun. 1798.
Docketed "Urging dispatch in the forwarding of Wheal Jewel nozzles."
51. Letter. John Gutch (Oxford) to James Watt (Birmingham). 20 Dec. 1796.
This letter has been removed from a guard book or display case. A repair has been placed over part of the docket.
Docketed "Congratulations on...the event of the trial...Wants subscribers to his history of... and a place for his son."
52. Letter. John Gutch (Oxford) to Boulton & Watt (Soho). 31 Jan. 1797.
Docketed "Advice of his having sent the history of the University, value £5.16.6."
53. Letter. John Gutch (Oxford) to Boulton & Watt (Soho). 3 Apr. 1797.
Docketed "Acknowledgement of receipt of medals and payment of the charge incurred on account of James I's Proclamation of Act of Parliament respecting patents."
54. Letter. Gyfford & Co. (London) to Boulton & Watt (Soho). 9 Aug. 1797.
Docketed "Wish their engine to be made double. Desire to see someone on the subject of the alteration."
55. Letter. Gyfford & Co. (London) to Boulton & Watt (Soho). 23 Dec. 1797.
Docketed "Alteration of their engine. Dayus to inspect it."

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1. Letter. Gilbert Hagen for the Lead Hills Co. (London) to Boulton & Watt (Soho). 11 Feb. 1795.
On the same sheet:
Notes on Watt Jr.'s reply to this letter.
Docketed "Objections to our account and answers thereto."

2. Letter. Robert Haig (Dodderbank, near Dublin) to Boulton & Watt [Soho]. Not dated.
Docketed "Wants a calculation for engine. A Mr. Collier from Glasgow brought this paper from Soho through mistake – Messrs. Boulton & Watt."
3. Letter. John Cockshott (Baildon) to Boulton & Watt (Soho). 5 May 1797.
Docketed "Halliday & Cockshut. Postpones payment until the 10th of June."
4. Letter. Thomas Halliday & Co. (Baildon) to Boulton & Watt (Soho). 17 May 1798.
5. Letter. Gilbert Hamilton (Glasgow) to Boulton & Watt (Soho). 23 Feb. 1796.
Docketed "About sending out young men."
- 6a. Letter. Gilbert Hamilton (Glasgow) to Boulton & Watt (Soho). 29 Feb. 1796.
Enclosing (b) and (c) below.
Docketed "With certificates for Peter Thompson and Andrew Galloway."
- b. Letter of recommendation for Peter Thompson from William Fulton Jr., Lochruinnach. 23 Feb. 1796.
- c. Letter of recommendation for Andrew Galloway from William Fulton Jr., Lochruinnach. 23 Feb. 1796.
- 7a. Letter. Gilbert Hamilton (Glasgow) to Boulton & Watt (Soho). 5 Mar. 1796.
Enclosing (b) below.
Docketed "Enclosing receipt of Peter Thompson and Andrew Galloway for £6 and also a note upon the said value £10."
- b. Receipt of Peter Thompson and Andrew Galloway for £6 received from Gilbert Hamilton. 29 Feb. 1796.
- 8a. Letter. Gilbert Hamilton (Glasgow) to Boulton & Watt (Soho). 2 Apr. 1796.
Enclosing (b) and (c) below.
Docketed "Enclosing characters of David Ballantine and William Spediman, millwrights."
- b. Letter of recommendation for David Ballantine from William Ray, Glasgow. 2 Apr. 1796.
- c. Letter of recommendation for William Spediman from James Williamson, Pittendriech [?]. 2 Apr. 1795..
- 9a. Letter. Gilbert Hamilton (Glasgow) to Boulton & Watt (Soho). 2 Apr. 1796.
Enclosing (b) — (d) below.
Docketed "Covering William Brunton's receipt of £3 received on account of travelling expenses and the character of him by Mr. Kelly etc."
- b. Receipt from William Brunton for expenses paid by Gilbert Hamilton. 2 Apr. 1796.
- c. Letter of recommendation for William Brunton from William Kelly, Cotton Mills, New Lanark. 15 Mar. 1796.
- d. Letter of recommendation for William Brunton from John Grieve, Borthness [?]. 12 Mar. 1796..
10. Letter. Gilbert Hamilton (Glasgow) to Boulton & Watt (Birmingham). 5 Apr. 1796.
Docketed "His account against Boulton & Watt and receipts of workmen's travelling expenses advanced by him."

11. Letter. Gilbert Hamilton (Glasgow) to James Watt (Heathfield). 11 Nov. 1796.
Docketed "P. Wilson's remarks forwarded by Mr. Hamilton. Remittance of £1000."
12. Letter. John Hamilton (Whitehaven) to Boulton & Watt (Soho). 9 Sep. 1798.
Docketed "Upon the time which Crossgate engine worked and other particulars concerning it."
13. Letter. John Hamilton (Whitehaven) to James Watt Jr. (Soho). 21 Sep. 1798.
Docketed "Enclosing remittance of £150 in full of past and future premium of Crossgate engine erected for the late J. Spedding in 1788."
14. Letter. William Hanson & Co. (Ossett, near Wakefield) to Boulton & Watt (Birmingham). 9 May 1797.
Docketed "Wants to apply an air pump."
15. Letter. William Harrison (Wen..., Liverpool) to Boulton & Watt (Soho). 15 Jul. 1795.
16. Letter. William Harrison (Bristol) to Boulton & Watt (Soho). "Saturday Night" [29 Oct. 1796].
Docketed "Report concerning Michael Castle & Co.'s engine."
17. Letter. William Harrison (Gloucester) to Boulton & Watt (Soho). 4 Nov. 1796.
Docketed "Materials for Gloucester & Berkeley engine not arrived."
18. Letter. Harrison & Pearson (Chester) to Boulton & Watt (Birmingham). 8 Apr. 1796.
Docketed "Want estimate of engine."
19. Letter. Thomas Hart & Co., wharfingers (Bristol) to Boulton & Watt (Soho). 28 May 1798.
Docketed "Vindication of their charges on Homfray's goods."
20. Letter. E^d Hartley (Edgcott) to James Pearson (Basinghall St., London). 21 May 1795.
Docketed "Account of Brockliss' payment."
21. Letter. William Hase (Saxthorpe) to Boulton & Watt (Birmingham). 7 Jul. 1795.
Mis-docketed as William Hose.
22. Letter. Hase & Fielde (Saxthorpe, near Aylesham) to Boulton & Watt (Birmingham). — Oct. 1795.
Not dated – date taken from the docket.
23. Letter. Hase & Fielde (Saxthorpe) to Boulton & Watt (Birmingham). 18 Jan. 1796.
Docketed "Requesting a license to make small engines."
24. Letter. Andrew Hassall (Crescent, Lime Wharf, Birmingham) to Boulton & Watt (Soho). 16 Apr. 1796.
Docketed "Acknowledges receipt of draft."
25. Letter. Samuel Hatley (Borough Water Works) to Matthew Boulton (Soho). 4 Apr. 1796.
Docketed "Want the drawings explained."
26. Letter. George Hawks (Gateshead) to Boulton & Watt (Soho). 31 Jul. 1795.
Docketed "Wants the Low Moor Company to prepare materials for his engine."

27. Letter. George Hawks (London) to Boulton & Watt (Soho). 13 Apr. 1796.
Docketed as Wm. Hawks.
Docketed "Answered. Want an engine erector."
28. Letter. Richard Hawkes (West Bromwich) to Boulton & Watt (Birmingham). 2 Jul. 1797.
Docketed "Declines purchase of cylinder."
29. Letter. The Hawkesbury Colliery Proprietors (Bedworth) to Boulton & Watt (Soho). 5 Oct. 1795.
Docketed "Want Dearman's to erect them another winding engine."
30. Letter. Francis Parrott "for Self & Partners" (Hawkesbury) to Boulton & Watt (Soho). 21 Jul. 1797.
Docketed "Hawkesbury Adventurers. Apology for supposed offence. A. Mitchel to erect the engine."
31. Letter. John Hayward [Soho] to M. R. Boulton (Soho). 8 Jul. 1798.
Docketed "Begs to be removed to Soho Foundry."
32. Letter. Johan Emanuel Hedendahl (Stockholm) to Boulton & Watt (Soho). 11 May 1798.
Docketed "Enquires about an 8 horse engine."
33. Letter. Johan Emanuel Hedendahl (Stockholm) to Boulton & Watt (Soho). 15 May 1798.
Docketed "Further observations upon the engine wanted by him of the power of 8 horses."
34. Letter. Johan Emanuel Hedendahl (Stockholm) to M. R. Boulton (Soho). 13 Jul. 1798.
Docketed "Wishes his engine to be got ready immediately."
35. Printed notice. Hegardt & Walenkamp. 1 Nov. 1797.
Specification of Iron shipped from Uddevalla.
- 36a. Letter. Samuel Heginbotham (Manchester) to Boulton & Watt (Soho). 7 Jul. 1797.
Enclosing (b) below.
Docketed "Engine wanted for his factory."
- b. Sketch. Plan of the plot of land for his intended factory.
37. Letter. Thomas Henry Jr. (Manchester) to James Watt Jr. (Soho). 21 Sep. 1796.
Docketed "Order for a pneumatic apparatus."
38. Letter. Thomas Henry Jr. (Manchester) to James Watt Jr. [Soho]. 25 Sep. 1796.
Docketed "Wishes his pneumatic machine to be immediately forwarded."
39. Letter. John Hill (Derby) to Boulton & Watt (Soho). 17 Jan. 1797.
Docketed "Estimate of a corn mill engine."
40. Letter. Hill & Waldron per William King (Stourbridge) to Boulton & Watt Jrs. (Soho Foundry). 9 Feb. 1798.
Docketed "Receipt of bill £147.-.8. Enquiry of price of 6 horse engine and of power for rolling and slitting iron."
41. Letter. Hill & Waldron per William King (Stourbridge) to Boulton & Watt Jrs. (Soho Foundry). 17 Feb. 1798.
Docketed "Particulars of power wanted for grinding clay."

42. Letter. Hill & Co. per J. D— (Stourbridge) to Boulton & Watt (Soho). 2 Nov. 1798.
Docketed "Acknowledging receipt of subscription for opposing tax on iron."
43. Letter. Richard Hodge Sr. (St. Erth) to Boulton & Watt (Soho). 8 Aug. 1798.
Docketed "Is largely concerned in mines – wants to know premiums of engines."
44. Letter. H. Hodges "for Mr. Powys & Self" (Underhill) to Boulton & Watt (Soho). 20 Oct. 1796.
Docketed "Offers an old copper boiler."
45. Letter. John Hodgson & Co. (Battersea) to Boulton & Watt (Birmingham). 19 Dec. 1796.
Docketed "Estimate of engines."
46. Letter. Hodgson Weller & ? (Battersea) to Boulton & Watt (Birmingham). 10 Jan. 1797.
Docketed as 1796.
Docketed "Confirm their order for a 16 horse engine."
47. Letter. Hodgson Weller & Co. (Battersea) to Boulton & Watt (Soho). 24 Jan. 1797.
Docketed "Wanting [estimate?] for erection of engine."
48. Letter. Hodgsons Capstick & Co. (Caton Mill) to Boulton & Watt (Birmingham). 22 Feb. 1797.
Docketed "Want an engine erector. Complaints of land carriage. Wish to be informed of the weight of their castings."
49. Letter. Hodgsons Capstick & Co. (Caton Mill) to Boulton & Watt (Birmingham). 13 Mar. 1797.
Docketed "Extremely anxious to get an engine erector. Enquiries concerning the weight of goods sent by canal."
50. Letter. Hodgsons Capstick & Co. (Caton Mill) to Boulton & Watt (Birmingham). 14 Jun. 1797.
Docketed "Payment deferred. Wish Lawson to call. Carriage of goods."
51. Letter. George Hodson (Chester) to Boulton & Watt (Birmingham). 1 Dec. 1797.
Docketed "Want opinion and advice as to the proper mode of proceeding against infringement of his patent. Names of our counsel and attorney."
52. Letter. Thomas Holbrook (Swansea) to M. R. Boulton (Soho). 22 Nov. 1795.
Docketed "Answered. About engaging men."
53. Letter. Thomas Holbrook (Swansea) to M. R. Boulton (Soho). 11 Dec. 1795.
Docketed "Answered. With agreement of two smiths."
54. Letter. Thomas Holbrook (Swansea) to M. R. Boulton (Soho). 29 Dec. 1795.
Docketed "Money advanced to the smiths sent from Wales."
55. Letter. Thomas Holbrook (Swansea) to M. R. Boulton (Soho). 15 Feb. 1796.
Docketed "Respecting proceedings against Griffiths."
56. Letter. Thomas Holbrook (Swansea) to M. R. Boulton (Soho). 20 Feb. 1796.
Docketed "Further advances made to Griffiths & Davies."

57. Letter. Wilkinson Holdforth & Co. (Leeds) to Boulton & Watt (Soho). 3 Oct. 1798.
Docketed as Holdforth Wilkinson & Co. On the same sheet:
 Account. Rotative shaft bought of Murray & Wood by Wilkinson Holdforth & Co. 4 Jun. 1798.
Docketed "Charge of rotative shaft and advice of forwarding materials (say cylinder etc.) to McConnel & Kennedy. Respecting error in Gavin's time."
58. Letter. J. Holdship (Bristol) to Boulton & Watt (Soho). 28 Aug. 1798.
Docketed "Has discovered a mine of bismuth and sends Boulton & Watt a specimen of the ore of which asks their opinion."
59. Letter. Joseph Holdsworth & Co. per John Rawson (Wakefield) to Boulton & Watt (Birmingham). 15 Aug. 1798.
60. Letter. Mr. — Holroyd (Lloyd's Hotel, Birmingham) to Boulton & Watt (Soho). 9 Oct. 1798.
Docketed "Wishes to visit the Manufactory."
61. Letter. The Holywell & Douglas Co. per John Douglas (Manchester) to Boulton & Watt (Birmingham). 5 Mar. 1798.
Docketed "Enclosing a bill of £64.15 on Mr. Stokes for acceptance. Enquires about springs for copying machine."
62. Letter. J. Homfray & Co. per Samuel Homfray (Penydarren Iron Works) to Boulton & Watt (Soho). 8 Jan. 1798.
Docketed "Enquires relative to the price of an engine for their works."
63. Letter. Samuel Homfray (Penydarren Iron Works) to Boulton & Watt (Soho). 17 Jan. 1798.
Docketed "Desire a person to be sent to inspect the premises where the engine is proposed to be erected."
64. Letter. J. Homfray & Co. per Samuel Homfray (Cardiff) to Boulton & Watt (Soho). 1 Feb. 1798.
Docketed "Order for a 40 and 34 inch engine. Lawson's return."
65. Letter. Samuel Homfray (148 New Bond St., London) to Boulton & Watt (Soho). 3 Mar. 1798.
Docketed "Disappointment at not finding Lawson in London. Enquiry if he has left town."
66. Letter. Samuel Homfray (Cardiff) to Boulton & Watt (Soho). 8 May 1798.
Docketed "Directions for forwarding their goods. Want us to recommend an engine man."
67. Letter. Samuel Homfray (Penydarren) to Boulton & Watt (Soho). 5 Jul. 1798.
Docketed "States that an error in the number of strokes is committed in the contract and that the engine will be longer in erection than expected. Pleased with the attention of the men."
68. Letter. J. Homfray & Co. per Samuel Homfray (Penydarren) to Boulton & Watt (Soho). 16 Jul. 1798.
Docketed "Denies having seen a letter from Boulton & Watt requesting the strokes of his engine to be altered from 12 to 16 per minute in the contract. Will not execute the contract till this point is cleared up."

69. Letter. J. Homfray & Co. per Thomas Gilpin (Penydarren Iron Works) to Boulton & Watt (Soho). 1 Aug. 1798.
Docketed "Engine at work. Want some more cement."
70. Letter. Samuel Homfray (Penydarren) to Boulton & Watt (Soho). 14 Aug. 1798.
Docketed "Satisfied with his engine. Willing to ratify his contract. Demurs about time of payment. Complains of time of erection. Praises Varley's industry. Determination about mill."
71. Letter. Samuel Homfray (Penydarren) to Boulton & Watt (Soho). 20 Sep. 1798.
Docketed "Expressing his satisfaction with the engine and requesting delay of payment."
72. Letter. Samuel Homfray (Penydarren Iron Works) to Boulton & Watt (Soho). 5 Nov. 1798.
Docketed "Remittance. Loss incurred by delay in erection of mill. Order of bucket for hot water pump."
73. Letter. Francis & Jes. Homfray (Stourton) to Boulton & Watt (Soho). 14 Dec. 1798.
Docketed "Sorry the iron for Manchester is not sent off. To be sent off immediately."
74. Letter. Robert Honeyborne (Stourbridge) to Boulton & Watt (Soho). 17 Sep. 1795.
Docketed "About window glass."
75. Letter. John Hope (Manchester) to Boulton & Watt (Birmingham). 17 Apr. 1798.
Docketed "Gorton Lime Works. Enquires respecting the ram and supposed invention to supercede the present engine."
76. Letter. Thomas Hope (Stockport) to Boulton & Watt (Soho). 17 Jul. 1797.
Docketed "Order for a 12 horse engine for Mr. Sykes."
77. Letter. Thomas Hope (Stockport) to Boulton & Watt (Soho). 29 Dec. 1797.
Docketed "Will advise us when ready for our engine materials."
78. Letter. Thomas Hope (Stockport) to Boulton & Watt (Soho). 22 Jan. 1798.
Docketed "Wants a rotative shaft and cold water pump to be sent off."
79. Letter. Thomas Hope (Stockport) to Boulton & Watt (Soho). 22 Mar. 1798.
Docketed "Notice of sending off deeds executed."
80. Letter. Thomas Hope (Stockport) to Boulton & Watt (Soho). 2 Apr. 1798.
Docketed "Desires to have the second boiler sent."
81. Letter. Thomas Hope (Stockport) to Boulton & Watt (Soho). 10 Jul. 1798.
Docketed "Apologises for not having sent a remittance. Hints his intention of having another engine."
82. Letter. Thomas Hope (Stockport) to Boulton & Watt (Soho). 1 Aug. 1798.
Docketed "Wishes to be furnished with an estimate of an eight horse engine."
83. Letter. J. J. Hornblower (Bell's Buildings, Fetter Lane, London) to James Watt Jr. (Soho). 18 Jul. 1797.
84. Letter. J. Horner (Helmsley) to Boulton & Watt (Soho). 9 Jan. 1797.
Docketed "Accidents at his engine. Wants an increase of power and begs to know what premium would be expected."

85. Letter. John Horridge (Anderton Farm, near Bolton) to James Watt Jr. (6 Green Lettice Lane, London). 20 Jun. 1795.
Re-directed to Watt Jr. at Soho.
Docketed "Wants to know upon what terms we shall allow the engine at the Raikes to be worked."
86. Transcript of letter. James Watt Jr. [Soho] to John Horridge (Bolton le Moors). 25 Jun. 1795.
87. Letter. John Horridge & Co. (Raikes) to Boulton & Watt (Soho). 22 Aug. 1796.
Docketed "Proper to pay a premium by the counter."
88. Letter. John Horridge (Raikes) to James Watt Jr. (Soho). 26 Apr. 1798.
Docketed "Wanting to know our terms of selling the premium."
89. Letter. John Horridge (Raikes) to James Watt Jr. (Soho). "Thursday Afternoon" [10 May 1798].
90. Letter. John Horrocks (Stockport) to Boulton & Watt (Soho). 10 Apr. 1797.
Docketed as 11 Apr.
Docketed "Returns engine agreement. Desirous to employ Perrins in the erection of his engine."
91. Letter. John Horrocks (Stockport) to Boulton & Watt (Soho). 4 Nov. 1797.
Docketed "Promise of a remittance for his account."
92. Letter. Horsfall & Co. (Goitstock, near Keighley) to Boulton & Watt (Birmingham). — Feb. 1796.
Not dated – date taken from the docket.
Docketed "Queries about engines."
93. Letter. Thomas Horton (West Bromwich) to William Forman (Soho). 3 Nov. 1796.
Docketed "Advice of Atherton's boilers being ready."
94. Letter. John Houghton (Birmingham) to Boulton & Watt (Soho). 19 Jun. 1795.
Docketed "About George Mills."
95. Letter. John Houghton (Navigation Office, Birmingham) to Boulton & Watt (Soho). 4 Jul. 1795.
96. Letter. John Houghton (Navigation Office, Birmingham) to Boulton & Watt (Soho). 16 Jul. 1796.
Docketed "On the disposal of the boat engine."
97. Letter. John Houghton (Birmingham) to Boulton & Watt [Soho]. 3 Aug. 1796.
Docketed "On the removal of the boat engine which they wish an experienced engineer to superintend."
98. Letter. John Houghton (Birmingham) to Boulton & Watt (Soho). 8 Aug. 1796.
Docketed "Grand Junction boat engine."
99. Letter. W., T. & H. Houldsworth (Manchester) to Boulton & Watt (Birmingham). 21 Feb. 1798.
Docketed "Want to apply an air pump to their common engine."

100. Letter. George Houstoun (Johnstone) to James Watt (Birmingham). 6 Nov. 1798.
Docketed "Enquiries respecting the steam engine."
101. Letter. George Houstoun (Johnstone) to Boulton & Watt (Soho). 22 Nov. 1798.
Docketed "Wishes an estimate of the engine proposed for him to be sent and also directions for his workmen."
102. Letter. George Houstoun (Johnstone) to Boulton & Watt (Soho). 19 Dec. 1798.
Docketed "Thinks a smaller engine will be sufficient. Requests drawings etc. and wishes the pumps to be made here."
103. Letter. J. Huddart [London] to James Watt (13 London St., London). 29 Dec. 1798.
Docketed "Upon the docks at Portsmouth."
104. Letter (in German). Hülsenberk Runge & Co. (Hamburg) to J. Collins (Matthew Boulton, Birmingham). 15 May 1798.
Docketed "Queries concerning the Mydrecht engine."
105. Letter. Richard Humble (Middleton) to Boulton & Watt (Soho). 8 Mar. 1795.
Docketed "About John Wilkinson's demand."
106. Transcript of letter. A. & G. Humphries (Philadelphia) to James Watt & Co. (Soho). 28 Nov. 1797.
Docketed "Remittance of balance of their account. Wish to have specimens of Matthew Boulton's coins."
107. Letter. Hugh Humphreys per Robert Taylor (Nantymoch Smelting Works, nr. Holywell) to Boulton & Watt (Soho). 30 Jul. 1798.
Docketed "Enquires the particulars of an engine of sufficient power to roll lead into sheets."
108. Letter. Mr. — Cliffe (Brades) to James Watt Jr. (Soho). 18 Aug. 1795.
Docketed "Hunt & Cliffe. Enclosing bond."
109. Letter. William Hurst (Birmingham) to Boulton & Watt (Soho). 12 Dec. 1795.
Docketed "Answered 14th Dec. William and John Parkes."
110. Letter. Samuel Hurt (Soho Foundry) to James Watt Jr. (Soho). 31 Aug. 1798.

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1. Letter. John Iddins (Birmingham) to Matthew Boulton [Soho]. 1 Mar. 1796.
Docketed "Offering timber."
Offering to supply timber for the proposed workers' houses at Soho Foundry.
2. Letter. John Iddins & Son (Birmingham) to Boulton & Watt (Soho). 2 May 1796.
Docketed "Offers of timber."
List of his current timber prices.

3. Letter. Abraham Illingworth (Stockport) to Boulton & Watt (Soho). 7 Apr. 1796.
*Docketed "Wants some articles for his engine."
Can Boulton & Watt forward the articles for his engine that James Lawson promised to order.*
4. Letter. Abraham Illingworth (Stockport) to Boulton & Watt (Soho). 15 Apr. 1796.
*Docketed "About allowing Firth to put his engine into repair."
Is surprised that Benjamin Firth is going to Hull – had understood from James Lawson that Firth was to repair his engine. Without repairs the engine cannot work much longer.*
5. Letter. Thomas Ingram (Birmingham) to James Watt Jr. (London). 25 May 1795.
His brother will write soon about the Proclamation of James I. Glad to hear Boulton & Watt's "opposers are likely to be beaten".
6. Letter. Silvanus James (Redruth) to Boulton & Watt (Soho). 1 Dec. 1797.
*Docketed "Wishes our consent to Trevithick being employed by P. W. H. Mine adventurers."
Will Boulton & Watt allow Richard Trevithick to erect an engine at Prince William Henry mine, Camborne. The adventurers hired Trevithick, without knowing Boulton & Watt had any objection to him, because they had heard William Murdock was leaving Cornwall.*
7. Letter. James & Co. (Newcastle) to Boulton & Watt (Soho). 19 Dec. 1798.
Docketed "Wants estimate of an engine for grinding white lead."
8. Letter. James & Co. (Newcastle) to Boulton & Watt (Soho). 27 Dec. 1798.
Docketed "Enquire about 6 8 10 12 horse engines not having had an answer to their former letter."
9. Letter. James, Hind & James (Newcastle) to Boulton & Watt (Soho). 31 Dec. 1798.
Docketed "Order a 12 horse engine." [The letter actually specifies an 8 horse.]
10. Letter. George Jardine (London) to James Watt (Heathfield). 3 Jul. 1796.
*Docketed "On his affidavit. Remarks on the arguments of the judges."
Is leaving London. Has given his affidavit. Points in the judges' printed opinions that he feels Boulton & Watt's counsel should have contended strongly.*
11. Letter. Thomas Jeans (Himley) to Matthew Boulton (Soho). 17 Feb. 1797.
Docketed "Proposes meeting Mr. Boulton on business."
12. Letter. Thomas Jeans (Himley) to Boulton & Watt [Soho]. 26 Feb. 1797.
*The back of the sheet has been used for calculations.
Answering to Boulton & Watt's queries about a proposed engine for Lord Dudley.*
13. Letter. Humphrey Jeffreys (Newcastle) to James Watt (Birmingham). 11 May 1795.
Understands that Thomas Barnes has contracted with Boulton & Watt for engines to raise coals. Believes he has an exclusive right for machinery for raising coals in the Newcastle area – was in partnership with Mr. Blair and Robert Cameron, and took the patent on dissolution of their partnership. Can Boulton & Watt give him their reasons as to why they suppose Cameron's patent is not valid. Has entered into an action against a local man for infringement of Cameron's patent.

14. Letter. Humphrey Jeffreys (Newcastle) to James Watt (Birmingham). 1 Jul. 1795.
Cannot send a copy of Robert Cameron's patent specification. Quotation from the patent about using steam engines to raise coals. Can James Watt give him more information on how the steam engine was applied to raising coal 25 years ago.
15. Letter. Silvanus Jenkins (Truro) to Boulton & Watt (Soho). 1 Mar. 1797.
Problems with the payments for the Wheal Ramoth engine. Understood from Thomas Wilson and William Murdock that paying £25 per month in the same way as Halammanin mine would be satisfactory.
16. Letter. Jesson's & Wright (West Bromwich) to Boulton & Watt (Soho). 2 Nov. 1797.
Enquiring about Hawkes & Co. of Gateshead who want to buy iron.
17. Letter. Jesson's & Wright (West Bromwich) to Boulton & Watt (Soho). 2 Apr. 1798.
Agree with the account sent them by Boulton & Watt – can they pay with foundry iron.
18. Letter. Jesson's & Wright (West Bromwich) to Boulton & Watt (Soho). 9 Aug. 1798.
Will forward 10 tons of pig iron as Boulton & Watt require. Informed by their clerk that he has forwarded 2 more tons of a previous order – they are sorry as this is not the sort of iron Boulton & Watt ordered.
19. Letter. William Jessop (Newark) to James Watt (Birmingham). 24 Oct. 1796.
Offers his testimony as a witness for Boulton & Watt. Observations on James Watt's patent.
20. Letter. William Jessop (Newark) to James Watt Jr. (Birmingham). 8 Nov. 1796.
His answers to the objections to James Watt's patent. His thoughts on John Smeaton's improvements to the Newcomen engine. Considers the forcing pump a new invention. Thinks it is unfair to attack the patent on the grounds that James Watt made later improvements.
21. Letter. William Jessop (Butterley Furnace) to James Watt (Soho). 25 Dec. 1796.
Needs moulders in loam and dry sand. Understands that Boulton & Watt have recently advertised for such workmen – can they pass on any they do not employ to him.
22. Letter. William Jessop (London) to Boulton & Watt (Soho). 22 Feb. 1797.
Has been told by Boulton & Watt's agent Mr. Brown that the engine for the Grand Junction Canal will not be ready in less than 13 weeks. The works it was to drain must be ready before then, and they will have no other use for the engine. Therefore can Boulton & Watt sell it.
23. Letter. Johnson Gould & Co. (Brentford) to Boulton & Watt (Soho). 25 Mar. 1796.
Have suspended working their engine and plan to discontinue it entirely.
24. Memorandum. George Johnson's Memorandum of Order for Heaton Colliery, Bigges Main Colliery, Willington Colliery. Newcastle. 11 Feb. 1796.
25. Letter. George Johnson (Byker) to James Watt Jr. (Soho). 5 Mar. 1796.
Orders an engine for Heaton Colliery, the same size as those for Walker, Bigges Main and Willington. Hopes those for Bigges Main and Willington are "in forwardness".
26. Letter. George Johnson (Byker) to James Watt Jr. (Soho). 23 Jan. 1797.
Thought James Watt Jr. understood that engines were wanted for Bigges Main and Willington. When can they expect them. Are losing money for want of the Heaton engine.

27. Letter. George Johnson (Byker) to James Watt Jr. [?]. 29 Jan. 1797.
Countermanding the order for Bigges Main as they are using one of their "old machines". Will probably want an engine for Lamb & Co. in the summer.
28. Letter. George Johnson (Birmingham) to James Watt Jr. (Soho). 24 Feb. 1797.
Can James Watt Jr. call on him and Mr. Morrison at Styles' Hotel.
29. Memorandum. George Johnson of Newcastle – Mem^m of an Engine for Low Flatsworth Colliery. Birmingham. 9 Mar. 1797.
30. Letter. George Johnson (Newcastle) to Boulton & Watt (Soho). 18 Mar. 1797.
Wants the particulars of the engine he proposed. Hopes that Boulton & Watt will extend their usual credit.
31. Letter. George Johnson (Byker) to Boulton & Watt (Soho). 27 Apr. 1798.
Mr. Lambton's executors want estimates for two engines.
32. Letter. George Johnson (Byker) to Boulton & Watt (Soho). 5 May 1798.
Details of the parts they will supply for an engine.
33. Transcript of letter. Matthew Boulton & James Watt (Soho) to John Jones (Coedŷglyn). 1 Mar. 1797.
Appointing him as manager of Maes-y-Fynnan mine, Minera.
34. Letter. John Jones (Coedŷglyn) to Boulton & Watt (Soho). 11 May 1797.
On the same sheet:
Transcript of letter. William Rigby (Hardin) to John Jones. 29 Mar. 1797.
Proposals for a new boiler for one of the engines at Maes-y-Fynnon mine. John Wilkinson refuses to have anything to do with the engines. Annexing a copy of a letter from Mr. Rigby offering to make boiler.
35. Letter. Meredith Jones for John Rennie (London) to Boulton & Watt (Soho). 21 Oct. 1797.
Rennie has been appointed to value Messrs. Roberts, Smith & Harrington's engine and mill. Can Boulton & Watt send a note of the original cost, additions and a list of parts not made by them.
36. Letter. Thomas Jones (Manchester) to Boulton & Watt (Birmingham). 19 Feb. 1795.
Enclosing a bill of exchange from the assignees of Abraham Illingworth for 14 months' premium on his smaller engine. They have sold it and the factory to John Dumbell of Warrington. Boulton & Watt should inform Dumbell of the payment to be made. The sheet has been used for a copy of the reply, as follows:
Letter. James Pearson for Boulton & Watt to Thomas Jones. 21 Feb. 1795.
Acknowledging receipt of the bill. Boulton & Watt themselves are in London.
37. Letter. Thomas Jones (Manchester) to Boulton & Watt (Birmingham). 15 Mar. 1795.
Has notified John Dumbell of Boulton & Watt's account. Suggests making "a trial" of Abraham Illingworth and stopping him if he fails in his payments – James Lawson agrees.
38. Letter. Thomas Jones (Grecian Coffee House, London) to Boulton & Watt (Birmingham). 2 May 1795.
Their letter of 20 Apr. has been forwarded to him in London.

39. Letter. Thomas Jones (Manchester) to Boulton & Watt (Birmingham). 18 May 1795.
Annexing copies of correspondence with John Dumbell, as follows:
Letter (transcript). Thomas Jones to John Dumbell (Warrington). 13 May 1795.
Letter (transcript). John Dumbell (Mersey Mills) to Thomas Jones. 16 May 1795.
40. Letter. Thomas Jones (Manchester) to Boulton & Watt (Birmingham). 8 Jun. 1795.
Annexing a copy of a letter from John Dumbell. Feels the question of the arrears on the engine should be put to a lawyer. Has been told by Abraham Illingworth's assignees that payment of the arrears was a condition of sale. The copy is as follows:
Letter (transcript). John Dumbell (Mersey Mills) to Thomas Jones. 3 Jun. 1795.
41. Letter. Thomas Jones (Manchester) to Boulton & Watt (Birmingham). 4 Sep. 1795.
Sending a sketch of their case with John Dumbell. He has proposed setting the works going.
42. Letter. Thomas Jones (Manchester) to Boulton & Watt (Birmingham). 18 Sep. 1795.
John Dumbell has requested an engineer to be sent. Jones will send James Watt's letter covering the case to Dumbell's attorney Mr. Walker.
43. Letter. Thomas Jones (Manchester) to Boulton & Watt (Birmingham). 10 Apr. 1796.
*John Dumbell has returned the case – his alterations and additions.
The sheet has been used for notes on the case.*
44. Letter. Thomas Jones (Manchester) to Boulton & Watt [Birmingham]. 2 Jul. 1796.
Payment and deeds received from Bateman & Sherratt. Progress with accounts, licenses and agreements with Mr. Thackeray, Mr. Drury, Peel Yates & Co.
45. Letter. Thomas Jones (Manchester) to Boulton & Watt (Birmingham). 16 Jul. 1796.
Enclosing licenses to Burton & Sons, Carlile, Goodier, Watson, Peel Yates & Co. Details of Watson's factory. Mr. Yates has not executed his contract. His attempts to see Mr. Thackeray. Mr. Drury's papers are with Mr. Dunchurch. Has met with Mr. Wright.
46. Letter. Thomas Jones (Manchester) to Boulton & Watt (Birmingham). 24 Jul. 1796.
Mr. Thackeray has executed the bond but refuses to pay any more. Encloses one part of Peel Yates & Co.'s contract. Has heard nothing from Mr. Wright. How do they want to proceed against John Dumbell.
47. Letter. Thomas Jones (Manchester) to Boulton & Watt (Birmingham). 9 Aug. 1796.
Enclosing bills for premiums from Burton & Sons, Peel Yates & Co., Carlile, Goodier.
48. Letter. Thomas Jones (Manchester) to Boulton & Watt (Birmingham). 18 Oct. 1796.
Goodier and Carlile's delays in payments. Mr. Wright has altered his engine to "the old principles" as he could not afford to pay Boulton & Watt. Mr. Thackeray's refusal to alter the terms of his agreement or pay anything more. Abraham Illingworth's new bankruptcy. Will send instructions about a bill in Chancery against John Dumbell.
49. Letter. Thomas Jones (Manchester) to Boulton & Watt (Birmingham). 9 Jan. 1797.
Sending his account, and papers for the case against John Dumbell. Mr. Goodier has promised to pay. Does not know if Mr. Wright or Mr. Carlile have settled with Boulton & Watt.

50. Letter. Thomas Jones (Manchester) to Boulton & Watt (Birmingham). 29 Jan. 1797.
Thanks Boulton & Watt for the gift of a ferr...[an item of plated ware]. Orders a tea kitchen. Expects to settle with Mr. Goodier. Has warned Mr. Wright they will take action against him. Mr. Mitchell did not know about Boulton & Watt's demand when he bought the engine – David Holt's assignees will pay for the materials and Mitchell will pay the premium.
51. Letter. Thomas Jones (Manchester) to Boulton & Watt (Birmingham). 6 Feb. 1797.
Enclosing payment from Mr. Wright. Has not seen Mr. Goodier.
52. Letter. Thomas Jones (Manchester) to Boulton & Watt (Birmingham). 14 Mar. 1797.
Enclosing bills from David Holt covering the debt on his engine. Will Boulton & Watt forgo the interest as the engine has stood idle. Mrs. Jones is worried about the tea urn they ordered.
53. Letter. Thomas Jones (Manchester) to Boulton & Watt (Birmingham). 8 Jul. 1797.
Enclosing an agreement and license to Daniel Lees. Has received the remainder of Mr. Goodier's payment.
54. Letter. Thomas Jones (Manchester) to Boulton & Watt (Birmingham). 28 Jul. 1797.
Enclosing a copy of Daniel Lee's license and his first premium installment. Enclosing a bill from Mr. Goodier and his own bill for the plated ware. Orders a ream of copying paper.
55. Letter. Thomas Jones (Brymbo) to Matthew Boulton (Soho). 2 Apr. 1796.
Thanks Matthew Boulton for his friendship during his stay at Soho. Has lost some loose papers – did he leave them at Soho.
56. Letter. William Joulet & Son (Salford) to Boulton & Watt (Birmingham).
Requesting an estimate for an 8 horse engine, and for altering a 6 horse engine made by Bateman & Sherratt.