

MS 3147/3/433
GENERAL CORRESPONDENCE DEALT WITH BY JOHN SOUTHERN,
1790—1798
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1. Bundle wrapper.
Marked "K, the whole 1790—1798."
2. Letter. William Kay (New St., Birmingham) to Boulton & Watt (Soho). 29 Dec. 1792.
The sheet has been used for calculations.
3. Letter. William Kay (Birmingham) to Boulton & Watt [Soho]. 12 Jan. 1793.
Marked "Replied 4 Apr."
4. Letter. William Kelson (Midsomer Norton) to Boulton & Watt [Soho]. 25 Mar. 1791.
5. Letter. William Kelson (Midsomer Norton) to Boulton & Watt [Soho]. 1 Apr. 1791.
6. Letter. John Kendrew & Co. (Darlington) to Boulton & Watt (Birmingham). 27 Jul. 1790.
7. Letter. John Kendrew & Co. (Darlington) to Boulton & Watt (Birmingham). 13 Aug. 1790.
On the same sheet:
Sketch. Plan of their mill.
8. Letter. John Kendrew & Co. (Darlington) to Boulton & Watt (Birmingham). 30 Aug. 1790.
9. Letter. John Kendrew & Co. (Darlington) to Boulton & Watt (Birmingham). 6 Oct. 1790.
10. Letter. John Kendrew & Co. (Darlington) to John Southern (Birmingham). 20 Oct. 1790.
On the same sheet:
Sketch. Plan of their engine house in its new location.
11. Letter. John Kendrew & Co. (Darlington) to John Southern (Birmingham). 11 Jan. 1791.
On the same sheet:
Sketch. Arrangement of their shafts.
12. Letter. John Kendrew & Co. per James Backhouse Jr. (Darlington) to John Southern (Birmingham). 4 Feb. 1791.
13. Letter. John Kendrew & Co. (Darlington) to Boulton & Watt [Birmingham]. 30 Mar. 1791.
14. Letter. John Kendrew & Co. (Darlington) to John Southern (Birmingham). 7 Jun. 1791.
15. Letter. John Kendrew & Co. (Darlington) to Boulton & Watt (Birmingham). 15 Aug. 1791.
16. Letter. John Kendrew & Co. (Darlington) to Boulton & Watt (Birmingham). 19 Aug. 1791.
17. Letter. John Kendrew & Co. (Darlington) to Boulton & Watt (Birmingham). 13 Jul. 1793.
Marked "Replied 19 Jul."

18. Letter. John Kendrew & Co. (Darlington) to Boulton & Watt (Birmingham). 12 Aug. 1793.
On the same sheet:
Sketch. Plan of their engine house.
Marked "Mr. F. answered." Docketed "Sketch of situation for 2 boilers."
19. Letter. John Kendrew & Co. (Darlington) to Boulton & Watt [Soho]. 16 Jun. 1794.
20. Letter. John Kendrew & Co. (Darlington) to Boulton & Watt (Soho). 17 Jun. 1794.
21. Letter. James Watt Jr. (London) to John Southern [Soho]. 28 May 1796.
Docketed as Kennet & Avon.
22. Letter. William Brown [Newbury] to David Thompson (Soho). 20 Jun. 1796.
Docketed as Kennet & Avon.
Marked "Ordered of Mr. Thompson a 5¼ working barrel for a 15 inch stroke, 27 Jun. 1796."
23. Letter. William Brown (Newbury) to John Southern (Soho). 1 Aug. 1796.
Docketed as Kennet & Avon.
24. Letter. William Brown [Newbury] to John Southern [Soho]. 1 Sep. 1796.
Docketed as Kennet & Avon.
25. Letter. Thomas Parsons (Newbury Wharf) to "Mr. Sutherland" (Soho). 14 Sep. 1796.
Docketed as Kennet & Avon.
The sheet has been used for calculations.
26. Letter. William Harrison [Newbury] to John Southern (Soho). 19 Sep. 1796.
Docketed as Kennet & Avon.
27. Letter. Thomas Parsons (Newbury Wharf) to John Southern [Soho]. 5 Oct. 1796.
Docketed as Kennet & Avon.
28. Letter. Ralph Kershaw (Copster Hill) to Boulton & Watt [Soho]. 17 Jun. 1793.
Marked "Replied 20 Jun."
29. Letter. Ralph Kershaw (Copster Hill, near Oldham) to Boulton & Watt [Soho]. 2 Aug. 1793.
Docketed "Answered 9 Aug."
30. Letter. Ralph Kershaw (Copster Hill) to Boulton & Watt [Soho]. 20 Aug. 1793.
Docketed "Accept agreement."
31. Letter. Ralph Kershaw (Copster Hill) to Boulton & Watt [Soho]. 5 Oct. 1783.
Docketed "Replied 7 Oct."
32. Letter. Ralph Kershaw (Copster Hill) to Boulton & Watt [Soho]. 9 Nov. 1793.
33. Letter. Henry Green "for himself & Partners" (Nottingham) to Boulton & Watt (Birmingham). 3 May 1791.
Docketed as Killingley Green & Sons.
34. Letter. Killingley Green & Sons (Nottingham) to Boulton & Watt [Soho]. 15 Jul. 1791.

35. Letter. Killingley Green & Sons (Nottingham) to Boulton & Watt (Birmingham). 31 Dec. 1791.
Docketed "Address of the company."
36. Letter. Samuel King (Manchester) to Boulton & Watt [Soho]. 24 Nov. 1798.
Docketed "Will have a large boiler."
37. Letter. J. Kirkman (Liverpool) to Boulton & Watt (Birmingham). 18 Jan. 1796.
Marked "Ordered these Soho 21 Jan. J. S."

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1. Letter. James Law (Spalding) to John Southern (Soho). 6 Mar. 1791.
2. Letter. James Law (Spalding) to John Southern (Soho). 13 Mar. 1791.
3. Letter. Thomas Lee (Hull) to Boulton & Watt [Birmingham]. 20 Oct. 1789.
Has taken over Howard's paper mill. The old boiler is beyond repair and the mill is at a standstill. Requests dimensions of a new one.
4. Letter. Thomas Lee (Hull) to Boulton & Watt [Birmingham]. 21 Oct. 1789.
Omitted to mention the number of strokes the engine made in his letter of yesterday. The engineman thinks they are insufficient. The power of the engine is barely sufficient.
5. Letter. Thomas Lee (Hull) to Boulton & Watt (Birmingham). 8 Nov. 1789.
Thanks them for their letter. Has ordered a new boiler and patched up the old one.
6. Letter. John Barker (Leadhills) to James Lawson [Leeds?]. 4 Oct. 1794.
Docketed as Leadhills.
Docketed by John Southern.
7. Letter. John Barker (Leadhills) to John Southern [?] [Soho]. 17 Jan. 1795.
Docketed as Leadhills.
Docketed "Increase of power wanted."
8. Letter. John Barker (Leadhills) to Boulton & Watt (Soho). 22 Mar. 1797.
Docketed as Leadhills.
9. Letter. John Barker (Leadhills) to Boulton & Watt (Soho). 17 Jun. 1797.
Docketed as Leadhills.
Docketed "Remittance £9.0.5."
10. Letter. John Barker (Leadhills) to Boulton & Watt (Soho). 5 Jan. 1799.
Docketed as Leadhills.
Docketed "Want a new set of racks, sectors and guards etc etc. Their engine performs badly."

11. Letter. Thomas Livesey, Engineman (Werneth Colliery, near Oldham) to Boulton & Watt (Soho). 12 Feb. 1791.
About Barrow Lees & Co.
12. Letter. Thomas Lowe (Nottingham) to Boulton & Watt (Soho). 16 Aug. 1789.
Docketed "Drinkwater" and "Lowe, millwright of Nottingham."
13. Letter. Thomas Lowe (Nottingham) to Boulton & Watt [Soho]. 30 Aug. 1789.
Docketed "Drinkwater."

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1. Letter Gavin McMurdo (Leeds) to Boulton & Watt [Soho]. 11 Nov. 1795.
2. Letter. Marshall & Benyons (Leeds) to Boulton & Watt [Soho]. 17 Jun. 1794.
3. Letter. Marshall & Benyons (Leeds) to Boulton & Watt (Soho). 23 Jun. 1794.
4. Letter. Marshall & Benyons (Leeds) to Boulton & Watt (Soho). 4 Jul. 1794.
5. Letter. Marshall & Benyons (Leeds) to Boulton & Watt (Soho). 30 Jul. 1794.
6. Letter. Marshall & Benyons (Leeds) to Boulton & Watt [Soho]. 26 Aug. 1794.
7. Letter. Marshall & Benyons (Leeds) to Boulton & Watt [Soho]. 19 Dec. 1794.
8. Letter. Marshall & Benyons (Leeds) to Boulton & Watt [Soho]. 26 Dec. 1794.
9. Letter. Marshall & Benyons (Leeds) to Boulton & Watt (Soho). 4 Apr. 1795.
10. Letter. Marshall & Benyons (Leeds) to Boulton & Watt (Soho). 28 Apr. 1795.
11. Letter. Marshall & Benyons (Leeds) to Boulton & Watt (Soho). 12 Jun. 1795.
12. Letter. John Marshall "for Self & Partners" (Leeds) to Boulton & Watt (Soho). 16 Jun. 1795.
13. Letter. Marshall & Benyons (Leeds) to Boulton & Watt (Soho). 25 Jun. 1795.
14. Letter. Marshall & Benyons (Leeds) to Boulton & Watt (Soho). 21 Sep. 1795.
Docketed "Answered 24 Sep. 1795."
15. Letter. Marshall & Benyons (Leeds) to Boulton & Watt [Soho]. 21 Nov. 1795.
16. Letter. Marshall & Benyons (Leeds) to Boulton & Watt [Soho]. 17 Mar. 1796.
17. Letter. Marshall & Benyons (Leeds) to Boulton & Watt (Soho). 2 May 1796.
18. Letter. Marshall & Benyons (Leeds) to Boulton & Watt (Soho). 13 May 1796.

19. Letter. Marshall & Benyons (Leeds) to Boulton & Watt (Soho). 10 Jun. 1796.
20. Letter. Marshall & Benyons (Leeds) to Boulton & Watt (Soho). 27 Aug. 1796.
21. Letter. Marshall & Benyons (Leeds) to Boulton & Watt [Soho]. 7 Oct. 1796.
22. Letter. Henry Marsland & Sons (Stockport) to Boulton & Watt [Birmingham]. 20 Dec. 1792.
Writing re. Holland & Bridge. Marked "Replied 24 Dec. J. S."
23. Transcript of letter. John Southern for Boulton & Watt (Soho) to John Robinson for Samuel Marsland [Manchester]. 12 Oct. 1798.
24. Memorandum. "Memorandums for letter to B& W."
Docketed "Marsland about pumps."
25. Letter. Anthony Mitchell (Hawkesbury) to James Watt (Soho). 6 Aug. 1788.
26. Letter. Anthony Mitchell (Hawkesbury Engine) to James Watt [?] [Soho]. 13 Mar. 1789.
27. Letter. Anthony Mitchell (Exhall Colliery) to James Watt (Soho). 12 Nov. 1789.
28. Letter. Anthony Mitchell (Hawkesbury Colliery) to John Southern [?] [Soho]. 3 Aug. 1790.
29. Letter. John Price (Mona) to John Southern (—). 25 Jun. 1790.
Docketed as Mona Mine.
Has ordered the ropes. Requests details of the pumps.
30. Letter. John Price (Plasnewydd) to Boulton & Watt (—). 28 Aug. 1790.
Docketed as Mona Mine.
The copper boiler for Parys Mountain has arrived but does not know yet where it is to be erected.
31. Letter. Robert Dagley (Stone) to Matthew Boulton (—). 20 Sep. 1791.
Docketed as Mona Mine.
Mr. Williams forgot to speak to Matthew Boulton about arranging for an erector to go to Anglesey.
32. William Hughes (Parys) to John Southern (Soho). 17 Jan. 1792.
Docketed as Mona Mine.
'Vitriolic water' has corroded the condenser of their engine. Can one be made out of a metal less susceptible to corrosion?
33. Part of a letter. F. Williams (—) to ?. Date missing.
Originally docketed as Mona Mine?
Referring the recipient to John Price for instruction about the steam engines.
34. Letter. John Morrison for "Co. & self" (White House, Gateshead) to Boulton & Watt (Birmingham). 17 Aug. 1795.
Thomas Barnes has showed him Boulton & Watt's letter about an engine for winding coals at Cowpen Colliery. How soon can they have one ready.

35. Letter. John Morrison (White House) to John Southern (at Thomas Barnes?, Walker). 7 Sep. 1795.
Arrangements for Southern and Barnes to meet him for breakfast.
36. Letter. Robert Mylne (London) to James Watt [Soho]. 24 Oct. 1792.
On the same sheet:
Table. Trials on New Fire Engine. 2 May—19 Oct. 1792.
37. Letter. Robert Mylne (London) to Boulton & Watt (—). 8 May 1794.
Parts for the new engine for New River Head should be sent from Soho via Gainsborough. The parts made in Cheshire have arrived. Ordering a replacement bucket and clack for the old engine.
38. Letter. Robert Mylne (London) to Boulton & Watt [Soho]. 14 Nov. 1794.
Docketed "Gloucester & Berkeley [Canal]."
39. Letter. Robert Mylne (London) to Boulton & Watt [Soho]. 3 Dec. 1794.
Docketed "New River Head."
40. Letter. Robert Mylne (London) to Boulton & Watt [Soho]. 17 Mar. 1795.
41. Letter. Robert Mylne (Gloucester) to Boulton & Watt (Soho). 23 Mar. 1795.
42. Letter. Robert Mylne (Gloucester) to Boulton & Watt (Soho). 28 Mar. 1795.

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1. Letter. Naylor Castle & Co. (Bristol) to Boulton & Watt (Birmingham). 19 Feb. 1791.
2. Letter. Naylor Castle & Co. (Bristol) to Boulton & Watt (Birmingham). 30 Jan. 1792.
3. Letter. James Cooper (Poplar) to Boulton & Watt (Soho). 19 Feb. 1793.
Docketed as Naylor Castle & Co.
Docketed "James Cooper. Replied 21 Feb."
4. Letter. James Cooper (Poplar) to Boulton & Watt [Soho]. 16 Mar. 1793.
Docketed as Naylor Castle & Co.
Marked "Replied 4 Apr."
5. Letter. Michael Castle (Bristol) to Boulton & Watt (Birmingham). 27 Mar. 1793.
Docketed as Naylor Castle & Co.
6. Letter. James Cooper (Poplar) to Boulton & Watt [Soho]. 9 Apr. 1793.
Docketed as Naylor Castle & Co.
- 7a. Letter. T. Hanson (Birmingham) to John Southern (Soho). 4 May 1792.
Docketed as New Brewery.
Kept with (b) and (c) below.

- b. Memorandum. Rough estimate of a 4 horse engine. By John Southern.
Marked "New Brewery."
- c. Sketch. Rough pencil sketch plan of the engine house.
Marked "New Brewery."
- 8. Letter. Robert Mylne (New River Head, London) to James Watt [Soho]. 4 May 1793.
Docketed as New River Head.
- 9. Letter. Robert Mylne (London) to James Watt [Soho]. 14 May 1793.
Docketed as New River Head. On the same sheet:
Sketch. Rough plan of the engine house.
- 10. Letter. Robert Mylne (New River Head) to James Watt [Soho]. 8 Sep. 1793.
Docketed as New River Head.
Docketed "Mr. Watt replied."
- 11. Letter. Robert Mylne (London) to Boulton & Watt (Soho). 8 Nov. 1793.
Docketed as New River Head.
- 12. Letter. Robert Mylne (London) to John Southern [Soho]. 23 Dec. 1793.
Docketed as New River Head.
- 13. Letter. Robert Mylne (London) to Boulton & Watt [Soho]. 11 Jan. 1794.
Docketed as New River Head.
- 14. Calculations. Sheet of calculations for the new engine and notes on the performance of the old engine at New River Head. Not dated [circa 1794?].
- 15. Letter. Thomas Owen & Co. [Manchester] to Boulton & Watt (Soho). — Dec. 1795.
Not dated – date taken from the docket.
Acknowledging receipt of their boiler. When can they expect the rest of the engine.
- 16. Letter. John Price (Mona Lodge) to Boulton & Watt (Birmingham). 15 Mar. 1790.
Docketed as Paris Mountain (i.e. Parys Mountain).
Does not know Mr. Williams' intentions for the engine at Mona mine. They should write to William Hughes about Parys mine. Details of the water supply, pumps, weight of ore and water to be lifted at the mines.
- 17. Letter. James Barlow "for Partner & Self" (Bristol) to Boulton & Watt (Birmingham). 22 Jul. 1790.
Docketed as Prichard & Barlow.
- 18. Letter. Luke Punshon (Northampton) to Boulton & Watt (Soho). 15 May 1798.
Docketed "Wants suction pipe and to know how to make feed cisterns."

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1. Letter. James Shears (London) to Boulton & Watt (Birmingham). 13 Sep. 1790.
Docketed "Gardiner's boiler."
2. Letter. Ra. Hales (Cobridge) to John Southern (Soho). 27 Mar. 1792.
Docketed as John Sparrow.
3. Letter. Ra. Hales (Cobridge) to John Southern (Soho). 7 Apr. 1792.
Docketed as John Sparrow.
Marked "Replied 13 Apr. 1792."
4. Letter. Ra. Hales (Cobridge) to John Southern (Soho). 19 Apr. 1792.
Docketed as John Sparrow.
5. Letter. Ra. Hales (Cobridge) to John Southern (Soho). 8 May 1792.
Docketed as John Sparrow.
Marked "Replied 13 May 1792."
6. Letter. Ra. Hales (Cobridge) to John Southern (Soho). 11 Jun. 1792.
Docketed as John Sparrow.
Marked "Replied 13 Jun. J. S."
7. Letter. Ra. Hales (Cobridge) to John Southern [Soho]. 30 Jun. 1792.
Docketed as John Sparrow.
8. Letter. Ra. Hales (Cobridge) to John Southern (Soho). 12 Jul. 1792.
Docketed as John Sparrow.
Marked "Replied 17 Jul. J. S." On the same sheet:
Plan of the engine house and boiler.
9. Letter. Ra. Hales (Cobridge) to John Southern (Soho). 27 Aug. 1792.
Docketed as John Sparrow.
Marked "Replied 30 Aug. J. S."
10. Letter. Ra. Hales (Cobridge) to John Southern (Soho). 15 Nov. 1792.
Docketed as John Sparrow.
Marked "Replied."
11. Letter. Ra. Hales (Cobridge) to John Southern (Soho). 20 Nov. 1792.
Docketed as John Sparrow.
On the same sheet:
Transcript of letter. John Sparrow (Bishton) to Ra. Hales (Cobridge). 26 Oct. 1792.
Transcript of extract of letter. Matthew Boulton (Soho) to John Sparrow [Bishton]. 29 Feb. 1792.
12. Letter. Ra. Hales (Cobridge) to John Southern (Soho). 4 Feb. 1793.
Docketed as John Sparrow.
Docketed "R. Hales with agreement."

13. Letter. John Spencer (Duffield) to Boulton & Watt (near Birmingham). 6 Feb. 1798.
Docketed "Wants to know size of cylinder, estimate etc. of an engine to work 2 forges and 2 pairs of rollers etc."
14. Transcript of letter. John Southern for Boulton & Watt (Soho) to John Spencer (Duffield). 9 Feb. 1798.
15. Letter. John Spencer (Duffield) to Boulton & Watt (near Birmingham). 9 Mar. 1798.
Docketed "Reply to questions."
16. Letter. Isaac Spooner per Humphrey Vaughton (Birmingham) to Boulton & Watt (—). 12 Sep. 1796.
Sending a copy of an enquiry Spooner has received from Stockholm about an engine for draining mines. Part of the enquiry is copied on the same sheet, but it is not stated who it was from or what date it was written or received.
17. Letter. Samuel Stretton & Son (Nottingham) to Boulton & Watt (Birmingham). 20 Jun. 1791.
On the same sheet:
Sketch. Plan of Killingley Green & Sons' engine house.
Marked "Answered 27 Jun." Docketed "With plan of engine and mill houses – altered. Answered with fresh drawings."
18. Letter. Samuel Stretton & Son (Nottingham) to Boulton & Watt [Birmingham]. 2 Jul. 1791.
Docketed "ABCQ." [The code of Killingley Green & Sons' engine.]
19. Letter. John Sutcliffe (York) to James Watt (Birmingham). 3 Jan. 1797.
Enquiring about a 1 horse engine for grinding stonepowder. Sutcliffe signs himself as a "chemist".

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1. Letter. George Taylor (Bedworth) to Boulton & Watt [Soho]. 16 Sep. 1788.
On the same sheet:
Memorandum. Remarks re. the new beam.
2. Letter. George Taylor (Bedworth) to John Southern (Soho). 27 Sep. 1788.
3. Letter. George Taylor (Bedworth) to John Southern [?] [Soho]. 18 Oct. 1788.
4. Letter. George Taylor (Gloucester) to John Southern (Soho). 21 Apr. 1795.
5. Letter. John Threlked for John Wilkinson (Bradley Iron Works) to John Southern (at Mr. Watt's, Birmingham). 14 May 1789.
6. Letter. John Threlkeld (Bradley Iron Works) to John Southern [?] [Birmingham]. 27 Mar. 1789.

7. Letter. John Threlkeld (Bradley) to John Southern [?] [Birmingham]. 1 Apr. 1789.
8. Letter. William Toplis Jr. (Cuckney) to Boulton & Watt (Birmingham). 5 May 1787.
9. Letter. William Toplis Jr. (Cuckney) to Boulton & Watt (Birmingham). 6 May 1787.
10. Letter. William Toplis Jr. (Cuckney) to Boulton & Watt (Birmingham). 17 Jun. 1787.