

MS 3147/3/439
MISCELLANEOUS GENERAL CORRESPONDENCE
1799—1828

1. Letter. John Addenbrooke (Wollaston, near Stourbridge) to Matthew Boulton (Soho). 16 Dec. 1799.
Docketed by ? Docketed "Wishes to erect an engine on Boulton & Watt's principles."
2. Letter. John Addenbrooke (Wollaston) to Boulton & Co. (Soho). 1 Jul. 1800.
Docketed by Matthew Robinson Boulton. Docketed "Wishes drawings of his mill to be returned."
3. Letter. John Addenbrooke (Wollaston) to Boulton & Co. (Soho). 27 Jul. 1800.
Docketed by Gregory Watt? Docketed "Enquires whether the proposed position of the jackhead pump may be changed and when he may have a winding engine."
4. Letter. John Addenbrooke (Wollaston) to Boulton & Co. (Soho). 10 Dec. 1800.
Docketed "Has desired his engineer to wait upon us. Wishes the goods to remain with us for the present."
5. Letter (in French). Thebaud Ainé (Nantes) to Boulton & Watt (Soho). 11 Aug. 1801.
Docketed "Sufferings during the Revolution. Malicious attempts to destroy their establishment. Obligated by the terrorist government to pay into their hands the account of our claims. Afterwards liquidated by their successors in power by assignats of no value. Promise to acquit our account and hope for a mitigation of interest."
6. Letter (in French). Thebaud Ainé (Nantes) to Boulton & Watt (Soho). — Aug. 1802.
Postmarked as 10 Aug.
Docketed "The Company has declined accepting our bills, but will honour one and pay the remainder by instalments of £100 per month."
7. Letter (in French). Thebaud Ainé (Nantes) to Boulton & Watt (Soho). 15 Sep. 1802.
Docketed as 22 Sep. 1802.
Docketed "The Company have paid our draft for £623.3. Expect some difficulty in collecting the remainder of the money. Mill at a stand on account of the price of coals and labour."
8. Letter. James Alston (Winson Green) to Matthew Boulton (Soho). 23 Jan. 1799.
Docketed by Matthew Robinson Boulton.
Docketed "No. 28." Explaining the purport of the paper given by him to Mr. Willmore and the circumstances which gave rise to it."
9. Memorandum. Difference of working a 14 horse steam engine in London and Guanascuato [Guanaxuato]. Circa Dec. 1826.
Docketed "Calculations made by an agent of the Anglo-Mexican Company, as to the comparative expense of working machinery by horses, or by steam engines. Received from Mr. Mushet 4 Dec. 1826."

10. Letter. William Balston (Maidstone) to Boulton Watt & Co. (Soho). 3 Jan. 1807.
Docketed "Remits a bill of £384 for balance of account at 3 months. Desires to have particulars of iron and brass castings. Enquires if we can furnish 15 more heating pipes and the price per cwt. Also the cost of a lighting apparatus and the best mode of heating boilers. Wishes Mr. Lawson or Mr. Murdock to be present when his engine starts for effective work."
11. Letter. William Balston (Maidstone) to Boulton Watt & Co. (Soho). 23 Jan. 1807.
Docketed "Orders pipes for a heating apparatus. Enquires about new light."
12. Letter. William Balston (Maidstone) to Boulton Watt & Co. (Soho). 19 Jun. 1807.
Mis-docketed as 1806.
Docketed "Remits £137.19.3. Requests instructions for the management of his engine. Satisfied with its performance as well as with that of his heating apparatus."
13. Letter. George Barker [Birmingham] to James Watt Jr. [Soho]. 7 Jul. 1809.
Not dated – date taken from the docket.
Docketed "Enquires whether we should like to let Mr. Pattison see the gas apparatus at the Foundry etc."
14. Letter. George Barker [Birmingham] to James Watt Jr. [Soho]. 7 Jul. 1809.
Not dated – date taken from the docket.
Docketed "Thinks Mr. Pattison not very anxious about the gas apparatus, but would be much gratified with a sight of a steam engine."
15. Memorandum. Estimates for Bere Alston Lead & Silver Mines. 12 Feb. 1810.
In James Watt Jr.'s hand. Memorandum of a meeting in London.
Docketed "Memorandum of estimate requested by Mr. William Smith etc. etc."
16. Letter. Bere Alston Lead & Silver Mines per William Smith (15 Bush Lane, London) to Boulton Watt & Co. (Soho). 14 Feb. 1810.
Docketed "The committee have directed their surveyor to report upon our letter. Wishes to have William Murdock's opinion of the proper sized engines etc."
- 17a. Letter. George Birkbeck (Broad St., London) to James Watt Jr. (Soho). 12 Nov. 1825.
Enclosing (b) below.
Docketed "Applies for drawings of a steam engine of 70, 80 or 100 horse power to insert in his work. Encloses prospectus."
- b. Printed advertising leaflet. Proposals for publishing a comprehensive and systematic display, theoretical and practical, of the Arts and Manufactures of Great Britain and Ireland. By George Birkbeck M.D. F.G.S. M.A.S.
18. Letter. Nathaniel Lea (Birmingham) to William Murdock (Soho). 13 Jul. 1799.
Docketed as the Birmingham Copper & Mining Co.
Docketed "Refuse to give more than £400 for Murdock's shares in sundry mines."
19. Letter. George Braithwaite Jr. (Kendal) to Boulton & Watt (Birmingham). 18 Apr. 1801.
Docketed "Has seen Gott's dyehouse. Approves of it and wishes to have his own altered. Queries about price etc."
20. Letter. George Braithwaite Jr. (Kendal) to Boulton & Watt (Birmingham). 28 Apr. 1801.
Docketed "Repetition of the questions contained in his former letter."

21. Letter. George Braithwaite Jr. (Kendal) to Boulton & Watt (Birmingham). 2 May. 1801.
Docketed "Declines steam apparatus. Thinks the seating of the common boilers defective."
- 22a. Letter. John T. Briggs (Craven St., London) to James Watt Jr. [?] (—). 16 Jan. 1808.
*Kept with (b) and (c) below. Mis-dated by Briggs as 1807.
Docketed "Commissioners of Naval Revision. Enclosing form of the Testimonial of Concurrence to be attached to Mr. Rennie's report. Mr. Fordyce recovering and present aspect of the affair of the New Dock Yard. Enquiries to whom he shall pay our expenses."*
- b. Memorandum. Paper sent by Mr. Briggs. 16 Jan. 1808.
- c. Memorandum. Copy of paper sent to Mr. Briggs 18 Jan. 1808, to be annexed to Mr. Rennie's Report to the Board of Naval Revision.
23. Letter. John T. Briggs (3 Fludger St., London) to James Watt Jr. (Soho). 12 Jul. 1808.
Docketed "Commissioners of Naval Revision. Has paid our account of expenses for the Board of Naval Revision to Mr. Woodward. New Dockyard not likely to go forward at present."
24. Letter. Richard Browne (Wrexham) to Boulton & Watt (Soho). 29 Feb. 1808.
Docketed "Decease of William Wilkinson. Has nominated us among others to be the trustees and executors of his will."
25. Letter (in French). Marc Isambard [?] Brunel (—) to Boulton Watt & Co. (Soho). 13 Jul. 1801.
Docketed as J. P. Brunel. This letter has been removed from a display case or scrapbook. Docketed by Matthew Robinson Boulton. Docketed "Wanting estimate of an engine for a corn mill at New York."
26. Letter (in French). Marc Isambard [?] Brunel (5 Castle St., Holborn) to Boulton Watt & Co. (Soho). 16 Jul. 1801.
*Docketed as J. P. Brunel, 17 Jul. 1801.
Docketed by Matthew Robinson Boulton. Docketed "Further data for our calculations respecting the corn mill engine wanted by his American friend for New York."*
27. Letter. Marc Isambard [?] Brunel (Portsea) to James Drummond (—). 2 Jun. 1806.
Docketed as I. Brunel.
28. Letter. Marc Isambard Brunel (Chelsea) to William Murdock [London]. 8 Jul. 1817.
Docketed "Recommending Capt. Harvey and his crew for the Caledonia."
29. Letter. John Cartwright (Enfield) to James Watt Jr. (Birmingham). 4 Mar. 1809.
*Cartwright's letter is written on a printed circular describing the resolution of the meeting of the Committee of the Friends of Parliamentary Reform at the Crown & Anchor Tavern, Strand, London on 13 Feb. 1809.
Docketed "Requesting me to be steward of a meeting of the Friends to a Reform in Parliament."*
30. Letter. John Cartwright (Enfield) to James Watt Jr. (Birmingham). 29 Mar. 1809.
*Forwarded to Watt Jr. at James Crummer's, Howey.
On the same sheet:
Letter. James Watt Jr. (Howey) to John Cartwright (Enfield). 25 Mar. 1809.*

- 31.** Letter. Commissioners of the Navy (Navy Office) to Boulton & Watt (Soho). 1 Jan. 1808.
Docketed "Desire we will make enquiry about the goods sent for the Portsmouth engine."
- 32a.** Letter. Commissioners of the Navy (Navy Office) to Boulton Watt & Co. (Soho). 10 Nov. 1808.
Kept with (b) below.
Docketed "Request explanations of our charges for men's time etc. on H. M. services."
- b.** Transcript of letter. John Woodward (13 London St.) to Boulton Watt & Co. [Soho]. 16 Nov. 1808.
- 33.** Memorandum. East London Water Works. 28 Feb. 1808.
In James Watt Jr.'s hand. Proposals for the reservoirs and engines.
- 34.** Letter. Richard Fishwick (28 Park St., Islington) to Boulton Watt & Co. (Soho). 30 Dec. 1809.
On the same sheet:
Letter. Richard Fishwick (Park St. Brewery, Islington) to William Murdock. 30 Dec. 1809.
Docketed "Statement of the different water works companies of which he is a member and to which he has recommended our engines. Wants an estimate for the Colchester Water Works. Enquires about Mr. Murdock's process for fining malt liquors."
- 35.** Letter. William Forman (Coldstream) to Boulton Watt & Co. (Soho). 23 Aug. 1802.
Docketed "Has been detained by illness. Proposes setting off immediately. State of the corn harvest."
- 36a.** Letter. Mr. — de Gallvin (St. Etienne, Loire) to Boulton Watt & Co. (Soho). 16 May 1820. 4 pages.
Enclosing (b)—(d) below. Not docketed. On the same sheet:
Memorandum. Project of a Blowing Engine & the Accessory Apparatus for the Use of Blast Furnaces.
[The enclosed drawings are tracings, so were presumably copied in the late 19th century from the originals, which are now missing.]
- b.** Drawing No. 1. General Explanation of the Iron Works.
- c.** Drawing No. 2. Elevation and ground plan.
- d.** Drawing No. 3. Five figures of various apparatus.
- 37.** Printed circular leaflet. General Hospital, near Birmingham – Resolutions of the Annual Board of Governors. 10 Nov. 1826.
Docketed "Propose a reduction in the scale of admission of patients."
- 38a.** Letter. Benjamin Gibbons & Co. (Kingswinford) to Boulton Watt & Co. (Soho). 29 Jun. 1809.
Kept with (b) below.
Docketed "Enquire if we will undertake the alteration of a 46 inch blowing engine."
- b.** Memorandum. The present Blowing Engines at Benjamin Gibbons & Co. (Level Iron Works). 4 Jul. 1809.
In James Watt Jr.'s hand.

39. Letter. Benjamin Gibbons & Co. (Kingswinford) to Boulton Watt & Co. (Soho). 10 Jul. 1809.
Docketed "Doubt whether the proposed engine would be large enough, and wish for an estimate of one capable of working an 86 inch blowing cylinder etc. etc."
40. Letter. Benjamin Gibbons & Co. (Kingswinford) to Boulton Watt & Co. (Soho). 17 Jul. 1809.
Docketed "Determine upon the blowing engine 8 foot stroke with an 84 inch blowing cylinder. Parallel motions etc. to be bright. Wish to have a cataract. Remarks on the construction of the air pump and condenser bottoms. Will fit up the piston top, bottom and nozzles blowing apparatus themselves."
41. Letter (printed circular). Gibson & Oliphant (Edinburgh) to Boulton & Watt (Soho). 25 Apr. 1818. 2 sheets.
Not docketed – re prize offered by the Highland Society of Scotland for essay on introducing railways to Edinburgh.
- 42a. Letter. Charles Thomson (2 Upper Seymour St., Portman Square, London) to Boulton & Watt (Soho). 7 Feb. 1817.
Docketed as Marquis Grimaldi. Kept with (b) below.
Docketed "Enquiry respecting the cost of steam engines of 25 – 30 horses power for vessels to navigate between Naples and Palermo."
- b. Transcript of letter. Boulton Watt & Co. (Soho) to Charles Thomson (—). 10 Feb. 1817.
43. Letter. The Marquis de Grimaldi (2 Upper Seymour St., London) to Boulton Watt & Co. (Soho). 28 Feb. 1817.
Docketed "Will write to Naples about having draughts made of the Holyhead vessels and about the steam engines. Wishes to know the expense of having the draughts made."
- 44a. Letter. The Marquis de Grimaldi (2 Upper Seymour St., London) to Boulton Watt & Co. [Soho]. 25 Mar. 1817.
Enclosing (b) below.
Docketed "Wishes an answer from Glasgow with drafts of the Holyhead packets. Also the complete expense of such a vessel delivered in Naples. Extract of patents granted to P. Andriel for steam boats, gas lights and coal mines proposed to be carried on by the new company. Invites us to take a share in the company and to establish a manufactory at Naples. Proposes to send out a gas apparatus and to apply to our Government for permission for workmen to go over. Would wish to confer with us personally upon these subjects"
- b. Memorandum. Patent rights granted to Peter Andriel. Naples, 14 Jan. 1817.
45. Letter. W. Grundy (Royal Canal Steam Engine, North Wall, Dublin) to John Rennie (27 Stamford St., London). 22 Jun. 1808.
Docketed "Application to Mr. Rennie to be recommended to look after our engines."
46. Letter. Arthur Benjamin & W. L. Guinness (Dublin) to Boulton Watt & Co. (Birmingham). 24 Dec. 1808.
Docketed "Have advice of the shipment of their material and enquire about a man to erect the engine."
47. Letter. William Harris (Rosewarne) to James Watt (Soho). 30 May 1799.
Docketed by Gregory Watt? Docketed "Demanding exemption from the payment of premiums on Bull's engine."

48. Letter. William Harris (Rosewarne) to James Watt (Soho). 18 Jun. 1799.
Docketed "Interrogatories."
49. Letter. Jeston Homfray (Broadwaters) to Boulton Watt & Co. [Soho]. 9 Jul. 1808.
Docketed "Explanation of his charge for boiler plates."
50. Letter. Harrison Oliver Kitchen & Smith per Joseph Smith (Horseley Colliery) to Boulton & Watt (Soho). 23 Oct. 1809.
Docketed as the Horseley Co.
Docketed "Wish George Taylor to come over to start their engine."
51. Letter. Isaac Horton (West Bromwich) to Boulton & Watt [Soho]. 24 Jun. 1828.
Docketed "Price at which he will undertake to make and deliver at Soho Foundry boat boilers of common iron."
52. Letter. John Houghton (Navigation Office, Birmingham) to Boulton Watt & Co. (Soho Foundry). 18 Jan. 1808.
On the same sheet:
Letter. Jos^h Batham (Ocker Hill Engines) to John Houghton. 14 Jan. 1808.
Houghton has added notes on the coal consumption of the Smethwick engine and the sheet has been used for various calculations.
Docketed "Statement of the annual expenses attending Ocker Hill engines. Consumption of coals by the Smethwick engine."
53. Letter. Francis Jeffrey (Edinburgh) to James Watt Jr. (Heathfield). 2 Dec. 1804.
Docketed "Has procured permission from the editors of the Edinburgh Review for me to reprint my brother Gregory's articles. Says his own letters may be returned or destroyed."
54. Letter. Francis Jeffrey (Edinburgh) to James Watt Jr. (Heathfield). 18 Dec. 1804.
Docketed "Explanation of the circumstances attending Sir James Hall's publications. Has not presented the MS of my brother's reviews. Hopes to forward his letters in the ensuing week. Mr. Davey wishes to review my brother's paper in the Philosophical Transactions."
55. Letter. Francis Jeffrey (Edinburgh) to James Watt Jr. (Soho). 23 Dec. 1806.
Docketed "Offers to insert a refutation of Mr. Gregory's book in the Edinburgh Review. Professor Playfair to undertake the article."
56. Letter. William Jessop (Newark) to James Watt (13 London St.). 28 Jan. 1799.
Docketed "Congratulations etc."
57. Letter. William Jessop Jr. (Butterley Iron Works) to Boulton & Watt (Soho). 1 Apr. 1808.
Docketed "Offers of service from William Brunton – desires to know if he is free from engagement with us."
58. Letter. Charles Lloyd (Birmingham) to Boulton Watt & Co. (Soho). 21 Jul. 1808.
Docketed "Recommends a son of one of his clerks to be employed by us."
59. Letter. James Lodge (Soho) to M. R. Boulton (13 London St.). 20 Jan. 1802.
Docketed "Dates at which sundry articles have been forwarded by the London carrier per canal."
60. Letter. John Mosley (London) to M. & R. Boulton J. & G. Watt & Co. (Soho). 5 Jul. 1804.
Docketed as M. & R. Boulton J. & G. Watt & Co.
Docketed "Inclosing the quarterly accounts of the different firms at Soho."

- 61.** Letter. John Mosley (London) to M. & R. Boulton J. & G. Watt & Co. (Soho). 6 Oct. 1804.
Docketed as M. & R. Boulton J. & G. Watt & Co.
Docketed "Inclosing the quarterly accounts of the different firms at Soho."
- 62a.** Letter. T. Mavor, Secretary to the London Hospital Special Committee (City of London Tavern) to Boulton Watt & Co. (15 London St.). 25 Aug. 1814.
Docketed as the London Hospital.
Re-directed to Soho. Enclosing (b) and (c) below.
Docketed "Apply for a donation."
- b.** Printed report of meetings of the Friends and Governors, 13 Jul. 1814 and the Special Committee, 5 Aug. 1814, and list of subscribers.
- c.** Printed statement re. the funds of the London Hospital. 1814.
- 63a.** Letter. William Murdock (Rochdale) to Boulton Watt & Co. (Soho). 26 Apr. 1811.
Enclosing (b) below. On the same sheet:
Accounts. William Murdock in account with Boulton Watt & Co., and Travelling Expenses. 13 Mar. 1811.
Docketed "Encloses statement of his time at Messrs. Holmes & Co. Is about proceeding to Messrs. Nielson & Co."
- b.** Note. William Murdock's time and wages at Holme & Co., Rochdale. 26 Apr. 1811.
Note signed by John and William Holme.
- 64a.** Wrapper.
Enclosing (b) and (c) below.
Docketed "John Nichols of Kensington. Memoranda of estimates wanted by him of engines for raising water and grinding corn."
- b.** Memorandum. John Nichols Esq., Holland St., Kensington. 29 Jun. 1808.
- c.** Note. Performance of a 6 horse engine and 14 inch pump.
- 65.** Letter. John Onions & Son per Francis Whaley (Broseley) to Boulton Watt & Co. (Soho). 16 Jan. 1809.
Docketed "Receipt of bill for pig iron."
- 66.** Letter. John Onions (Broseley) to John Southern (Soho). 9 Jun. 1809.
Docketed "Price at which he will undertake to manufacture and deliver cast iron pipes at Liverpool."
- 67a.** Memorandum. Respecting the quantity of Wrought Iron pipes, which William and John Pemberton can manufacture. 1 Apr. 1806.
Kept with (b) below.
- b.** Account. John and William Pemberton debtors to Sundries. Not dated.
- 68.** Letter. Sampson Penrice (Bilston) to James Watt Jr. (Soho). 14 Jan. 1811.
Docketed "Has heard that we want an engine erector to go to the East Indies. Enquires time."
- 69.** Letter. Sampson Penrice (Bilston) to James Watt Jr. (Soho). 10 Jun. 1812.
Docketed "Renews his offer of services and requests an interview."

70. Letter. Sampson Penrice (Bilston) to James Watt Jr. (Soho). 27 Aug. 1812.
Docketed "Has left Fereday & Co. and wishes for employment."
71. Letter. William Penrose, miller (French Gardens, Hull) to Boulton & Watt (Soho). 31 Mar. 1805.
Docketed "Wants estimates of 6, 8 and 10 horse engines for grinding corn etc. etc."
72. Letter. John Taylor, Secretary, Portsmouth & Farlington Water Works (8 Bucklersbury, London) to Boulton & Watt (Soho). 23 Feb. 1810.
Docketed as Portsmouth & Farlington Water Works.
Docketed "Enquires when the engine will be ready."
73. Letter. John Taylor (8 Bucklersbury, London) to Boulton & Watt (Soho). 28 Feb. 1810.
Docketed as Portsmouth & Farlington Water Works.
Docketed "Desire the materials of their engine to be sent by the Paddington Canal boats."
74. Letter. John Taylor (8 Bucklersbury, London) to Boulton Watt & Co. (Soho). 23 Apr. 1810.
Docketed as Portsmouth & Farlington Water Works.
Docketed "The company are anxious to have the engine and repeat their request to have it sent by Crowley's boats."
75. Letter. John Taylor (8 Bucklersbury, London) to Boulton Watt & Co. (Soho). 24 Apr. 1810.
Docketed as Portsmouth & Farlington Water Works.
Docketed "Repeat their request to have the engine immediately forwarded. Desire to have advice when it is put on board the boats."
76. Letter. John Taylor (8 Bucklersbury, London) to Boulton Watt & Co. (Soho). 17 Jun. 1813.
Docketed as Portsmouth & Farlington Water Works.
Docketed "Want copy of the list of particulars of their engine."
77. Transcript of letter. Boulton Watt & Co. (Soho) to Robert Potter (—). 21 Jun. 1803.
In Matthew Robinson Boulton's hand. Mr. Jewsbury and William Murdock have reported that Potter has done a very good job in erecting the engine. They have ordered Wilkes and Jewsbury to pay him £6.6.
- 78a. Letter. Theophilus Richards & Co. (Birmingham) to Boulton & Watt (Soho). 22 Oct. 1818.
Docketed "Enclose letter and statement from Messrs. Huddart Routh & Co. respecting two steam engines erected at Leghorn, upon which, they wish our opinion."
- b. Letter. Huddart, Routh, Garland (Leghorn) to Theophilus Richards & Co. (Birmingham). 3 Oct. 1818.
79. Letter. John Robinson (Soho) to James Watt Jr. [Soho]. 26 Jul. 1825.
Docketed "Prices of copper and copper plates."
80. Letter. Thomas Roper (Islington) to Boulton Watt & Co. (Soho). 18 Feb. 1804.
Docketed "Enquires price of 8 horse engine etc."
81. Transcript of extract of letter. Edward Rothwell (Carlisle) to Jos. Miller (—). 15 Aug. 1813.
Docketed "Extract of a letter from him to Mr. Jos. Miller. Wants estimates of 16 to 20 horse engines and enquires if we will take back the 6 horse. Orders a box of cement."

- 82.** Letter. James Scott (Birmingham) to Boulton Watt & Co. (Soho). 25 May 1808.
Docketed "Warwick & Birmingham Canal. Have disposed of their old cast iron at 5/- per cwt."
- 83.** Letter. William Seed & Robert Bailie (Belfast) to Boulton & Watt (Soho). 19 Jan. 1808.
Docketed "Their engine completed by Jos. Varley and performs much to their satisfaction."
- 84.** Letter. William Seed & Robert Bailie (Belfast) to Boulton & Watt (Soho). 2 Feb. 1808.
On the same sheet:
Receipt for £20.6.2. by Joseph Varley, Belfast, 29 Jan. 1808.
Docketed "Statement of Varley's time and receipts. Account of the performance of their engine."
- 85.** Letter. John Robinson for M. R. Boulton J. Watt & Co. (London) to Boulton Watt & Co. (Soho). 8 Mar. 1813.
Docketed as John Shakespear.
Docketed by James Pearson. Concerning time worked by Shakespear on various engines.
- 86.** Letter. Boulton Watt & Co. (Soho) to Thomas Simpson (Lambeth Water Works). 29 Jan. 1812.
The outside is addressed to Chelsea Water Works.
- 87a.** Protest of bill. Drawn up by Josiah Fitchet, Notary, Kingston upon Hull. 11 Mar. 1801.
Kept with (b) below.
Docketed by Matthew Robinson Boulton. Docketed "Protest of the bill drawn upon R. Thompson of Hull received from Messrs. Southern Pearson & Co."
- b.** Bill. Boulton & Watt to Richard Thompson to pay Richard Southern Pearson & Co. 17 Feb. 1801.
- 88.** Letter. Richard Southern & Pearson (Hull) to Matthew Boulton (Soho). 12 Sep. 1807.
Letter passed to Mr. Warberg. Not docketed.
About a convoy for the Baltic and the fare for a man to go to Copenhagen, in connection with the Danish Mint.
- 89.** Letter. Richard Southern & Pearson (Hull) to Matthew Boulton (Soho). 26 Sep. 1807.
Not docketed. About convoys for the Baltic.
- 90.** Letter. Robert Stevenson (Greenside, Edinburgh) to Boulton & Watt (Soho). 20 Apr. 1807.
Docketed "Orders a copying machine. Wants account of reflectors from Plated Co. Enquires cost of lighting a tunnel under the Firth of Forth."
- 91.** Letter. Robert Stevenson (Edinburgh) to James Watt & Co. [Soho]. 6 May 1807.
Docketed "Dimensions of the tunnel wanted to be lighted. Order for a copying machine."
- 92.** Letter. George Tayler (Glasgow Water Works) to Boulton Watt & Co. (Soho). 3 Jan. 1808.
Docketed "The water in the river rises occasionally higher than the clacks. Proposes an alteration in them. Progress made with the new house."
- 93.** Letter. George Tayler (Glasgow Water Works) to Boulton Watt & Co. (Soho). 10 Jan. 1808.
Docketed "Complains of his wages and requests an advance of money to clothe his children."

94. Letter. George Tayler (Glasgow Water Works) to Boulton Watt & Co. (Soho). 20 Mar. 1808.
Docketed "Progress made in the erection of the engines for the Glasgow Water Works."
95. Letter. George Tayler (Glasgow Water Works) to Boulton Watt & Co. (Soho). 29 May 1808.
Docketed "Has started both the engines at the Water Works. Proposes returning home in a few days."
96. Letter. John Taylor (Liverpool) to Boulton & Watt (Birmingham). 23 Oct. 1800.
Docketed "Statement of his experiments upon Mr. Houston's beam."
97. Letter (in French). M^l Thebaud (on board the prison hulk *Pyen*, Chatham) to Boulton & Watt (Soho). 2 Aug. 1810.
Docketed "Has nearly killed a friend in a duel. Made his escape from Thame. Was retaken, and is now on board a prison ship. Solicits our interference on his behalf. See Mr. Stone's letters in Aug. 1809."
98. Letter (in French). M^l Thebaud (on board the hulk *Brunswick*, Chatham) to Boulton & Watt (Soho). 29 Aug. 1812.
Docketed "Is still on board the hulks, and requests us to forward a letter to Lithgow or Dayus."
99. Letter (in French). M^l Thebaud (on board the hulk *Crown Prince*, Chatham) to James Watt (Soho). 13 Nov. 1812.
Docketed "Enquires again the address of Dayus or of Lithgow."
- 100a. Letter. Hugh Thomson (Leith) to James Watt Jr. (Soho). 1 Nov. 1811.
Enclosing (b) below.
Docketed "James Lemond willing to come to us as an engine erector and desires to know our terms. Wishes us to take his second son as an apprentice."
- b. Letter. David Lemond (Ayr) to James Lemond (at Mr. Moffat's, Murray St., Edinburgh). 6 Oct. 1811.
101. Letter. Hugh Thomson (Leith) to Boulton & Watt (Soho). 6 Jun. 1812.
Docketed "Wishes his son to come home to try the benefit of sea bathing."
102. Letter. Hugh Thomson (Calcutta) to Boulton Watt & Co. [Soho]. — Mar. 1815. 2 sheets.
Docketed "Arrival there after a voyage of 6 months. Detained there in consequence of the death of the Nabob of Oude. Has now orders to proceed to Lucknow. Two boxes of the engine deficient and two of a 6 horse engine sent instead. The boxes all much injured and the polished goods rusty. Recommends stronger ones in future and different packing. Probability that the new Nabob of Oude may not want the engine. Proposals of erecting it in that case at Calcutta. Has been applied to for particulars of an engine to raise water for Calcutta, of which he wants estimate. Wants estimates of small engines for indigo mills. Favourable state of his health and handsome allowance from the Company."
103. Letter. Richard Trevithick (Camborne) to M. R. Boulton (Truro). 3 Sep. 1799.
Docketed by M. R. Boulton. Docketed "Adventurers for whom he is building engines unwilling to pay the premium in a lump sum. Appointing an interview."
104. Letter. Truman Hanbury & Co. (London) to Boulton & Watt (Birmingham). 1 Mar. 1805.
Docketed "Wish to have estimates of engines of 20 to 30 horse power."

105. Letter. Truman Hanbury & Co. (London) to Boulton & Watt (Birmingham). 7 Mar. 1805.
Docketed "Wish to know in what time our engine can be got ready and the dimensions of the engine house."
- 106a. Letter. Joseph Varley (Belfast) to Boulton Watt & Co. (Soho). 29 Jan. 1808.
Docketed "has been obliged to run away from Seed & Baillie's to avoid a Matrimonial Connection. Proposes taking his passage for Liverpool on Sunday. Requests directions to his next destination."
- 106b. Letter. Joseph Varley (Dublin) to Boulton Watt & Co. (Soho). 26 Feb. 1808.
Docketed "Dangerous passage from Liverpool. Left the Engines at Belfast all doing well. Says Mr. Pollock made no complaint to him of the consumption of Coals. Progress in Duffey's Engine House Statement of his time &c at Seed & Baillies."
- 106c. Letter. Joseph Varley (Ball's Bridge) to Boulton Watt & Co. (Soho). 20 Mar. 1808.
Docketed "Account of his proceedings in Dublin and of the application made to him to erect the engine late the Dublin Water Works."
107. Letter. John Vivian (Truro) to Boulton & Watt (Birmingham). 30 May 1800.
Docketed by ? Docketed "Wishes Boulton & Watt to compromise with their Cornish antagonists."
108. Letter. John Vivian (Truro) to Boulton & Watt (Birmingham). 8 Jun. 1800.
Docketed by Gregory Watt? Docketed "Difficulty of prevailing on so many people to come to a specific determination. Proposes M. R. Boulton should come down to Cornwall."
109. Letter. John Vivian (Truro) to Boulton & Watt (Birmingham). 18 Jun. 1800.
Docketed "Recommends postponing the trial."
110. Letter. John Vivian (Truro) to Boulton & Watt (Birmingham). 24 Jun. 1800.
Docketed by Gregory Watt? Docketed "Is glad to hear the trial is postponed. Wishes one of Boulton & Watt's house to come down and will procure delegates to meet them on their arrival."
111. Letter. John Walker (35 Finsbury Square, London) to James Watt Jr. (Soho). 16 Aug. 1819.
Docketed "Messrs. Wigram's estimate of a Leith steam packet. Remarks upon the width."
112. Letter. Zaccheus Walker Jr. (St. Petersburg) to Boulton Watt & Co. (Soho). 4 Apr. 1805. 2 sheets.
Docketed by ? Docketed "Difficulties which oppose the introduction of our steam engines into Russia. Suggestions in regard to the best mode of transacting business in that country. Recommends Mr. Baird as a proper agent. Account of the attempts which have been made to erect engines with their failures."
113. Letter. Thomas Walker & Co. (Cork) to Boulton Watt & Co. (Soho). 2 Jan. 1807.
Docketed "Order two forcing pumps and some china clay."
114. Letter. John Ward (Soho Foundry) to James Watt Jr. (Soho). 12 Dec. 1810.
Docketed "Worthington's former master claims a debt of £7."
115. Letter. T. F. [?] Warwick (Rotherham) to Boulton & Watt (Soho). 29 May 1799.
Docketed "Dr. Warwick. Discovery of a method of increasing the force of steam."

- 116a.** Bill. William & Thomas Wilkinson (Moorfields, next Finsbury Square) for a chest of drawers bought by James Watt Jr. — May 1799.
Kept with (b) below. On the same sheet.
Letter. John Woodward (13 London St.) to James Watt Jr. (Soho). 20 Apr. 1801.
Docketed "Send in account of chest of drawers, which I had already paid for."
- b.** Receipt. J. Kirkes' receipt of the chest of drawers from James Watt Jr. 1 Sep. 1800.
- 117.** Letter. William Wilkinson [Ludgate Hill, London] to James Watt Jr. (Osborne's Hotel, London). 7 Feb. 1811.
Docketed "Acknowledges payment of table etc. for Lawson. Cannot take less than £5.5 for the dining room chairs."
- 118.** Letter. William Wilkinson Jr. (London) to James Watt Jr. (Soho). 31 Aug. 1811.
Docketed "Promises the chairs in three weeks."
- 119a.** Letter. John Williams (Scorrier) to Thomas Wilson (Truro). 30 May 1799.
Docketed by Matthew Robinson Boulton. Enclosing (b) below.
Docketed "Enclosing a statement of Murdock's account."
- b.** Account. William Murdock in account with John Williams.
- 120.** Letter. John Williams (Scorrier) to M. R. Boulton (at Thomas Wilson's, Truro). 12 Jul. 1799.
Docketed by Matthew Robinson Boulton. Docketed "Two of the Wherry cylinders purchased by the Polgive adventurers. Want to know the premium to be paid for the liberty of erecting upon our construction."
- 121.** Letter. John Williams (Scorrier) to M. R. Boulton (at Thomas Wilson's, Truro). 16 Sep. 1799.
Docketed by Matthew Robinson Boulton. Docketed "Enclosing bills value £105 in payment of Godolphin adit premium."
- 122.** Letter. John Williams (Scorrier) to Boulton & Watt (Soho). 13 Nov. 1799.
Docketed by Matthew Robinson Boulton. Docketed "Reasons for an allowance of premium in consequence of the defects of Godolphin engine. Intention to purchase Wheal Jewel West and hope Boulton & Watt will relinquish the premium."
- 123a.** Letter. John Williams (Scorrier) to James Watt Jr. (Soho). 27 Dec. 1817.
Enclosing (b) below. Forwarded to Watt Jr. care of Collings & Mingay, Rotterdam.
Docketed "Enquiry relative to Woolf's boilers and an alledged infringement at United Mines."
- b.** Sketches. Sections and plans of United Mines and Woolf's boilers.
- 124.** Letter. Wormald Gott & Wormald (Leeds) to Boulton Watt & Co. (Soho). 31 Mar. 1809.
Docketed "Requesting the assistance of a person from Soho to set out the work of their lighting apparatus which has arrived safe, and also of an operative assistant in putting the parts together."
- 125a.** Letter. John Hodgkinson (Worcester & Birmingham Navigation Office) to Boulton & Watt (Soho). 16 Oct. 1809.
Docketed as the Worcester & Birmingham Canal.
With (b) below attached inside.
Docketed "Want estimates of various engines for pumping water."

- b. Small sheet of calculations.
In John Southern's hand?

Letters to Soho Foundry.

126. Letter. William Buckle (Soho) to Abraham Storey (Soho Foundry). 15 Aug. 1827.
127. Letter. Crowley & Co. per W. Watts (Crescent Wharf) to William Murdock (Soho Foundry). 28 Feb. 1820.
Not docketed.
128. Letter. John Robinson (Soho) to John Bennett [Soho Foundry]. 26 Jan. 1824.
Docketed by ? Docketed "Price of rolling plates, angles and rivets for a copper boiler. Allowance for scrap copper."
129. Letter. James Watt Jr. (Aston) to John Dawn (Soho Foundry). 16 Jun. 1828.