DETAILED LISTING

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3/258  Logan Henderson, 1781  (50 items)

1. Letter. Logan Henderson (Cusgarne) to James Watt (Soho).  1 Jan. 1781.

   Docketed “Mr. Williams’ order to send off Poldice goods.”

   Docketed “Receipt of £16.12.7 from Mr. Philips.”

   Docketed “About United Mines balance bob.”

   Docketed “List of beam screws made.”


   Docketed “Arrival of Pool nozzles. Scheme of a tilting forge.”


   Docketed “Order for Poldice pumps.”

    Docketed “About Poldice pumps.”


    Docketed “Observation on Wheal Virgin beam and propositions on bucket door pieces.”

    Docketed “About Mr. Wilkinson taking Poldice old brass and copper.”

    Docketed as 15 Feb.


34. Letter. Logan Henderson (Cusgarne) to James Watt (Soho). 22 Mar. 1781.
41. Letter. Logan Henderson (Cusgarne) to James Watt (Soho). 9 Apr. 1781. *Docketed “Repair of Ting Tang.”*
42. Letter. Logan Henderson (Cusgarne) to James Watt (Soho). 12 Apr. 1781.
43. Letter. Logan Henderson (Cusgarne) to James Watt (Soho). 14 Apr. 1781.
Docketed "With copy of one to Mr. Boulton concerning Mr. Daniel and Wheal Virgin meeting."

b. Letter (press copy). Logan Henderson (Cusgarne) to Matthew Boulton. 19 Apr. 1781. 3 sheets

45. Letter. Logan Henderson (Cusgarne) to James Watt (Soho). 23 Apr. 1781.


On the same sheet:
Docketed "Covering letter from Mr. Henderson from Ireland."

Enclosing (b) below. Docketed "With copy letter from G. Meason."


3/259  Logan Henderson, 1782-1785, 1788-1790  (32 items)

Docketed "About bargain with Messrs. Colclough."

2. Letter. Logan Henderson (Soho) to James Watt (Cusgarne). 28 Feb. 1782.


Docketed "About the shipwreck of his goods."


Docketed "With abstract of his account."


Enclosing (b) and (c) below.

b, c. Two cuttings from the Leinster Journal.
Re. the Commissioners of the Barrow Navigation wanting to receive proposals from contractors for keeping the locks and works in repair.


15. Letter. Logan Henderson (Doonane) to James Watt [Soho?]. 28 Nov. 1782.


17. Letter. Logan Henderson (Doonane) to Boulton & Watt (Soho). 5 Feb. 1783.


3/260 Logan Henderson – letters to him from Matthew Boulton and James Watt, 1777, 1781 (14 items)

1. Letter. James Watt (Truro) to Logan Henderson (at Mr. Boulton’s, Soho). 9 Aug. 1777.
The extract concerns tasks that Boulton wants Henderson to carry out. Presumably this extract was passed to Henderson as a memorandum, as it is addressed to him on the outside, and both he and John Hall have added notes to the bottom of the sheet. Henry Hazleton summarised this as “Copy of Boulton’s letter to Lieut. Henderson.”

Summarised “Mentions Beelzebub engine. The outer cylinder case. Mr. Eggington. Mr. Fothergill. Want of buttons. Mr. Smeaton and his remarks upon the engines. Yatestoop engine and other news.”


Summarised “Concerning the air pumps etc. of the Bedworth engine. To observe Wilkinson’s rule, make them double the strength every time they fail. Bought proportional compass at Stratford. Soho clacks give way. Little engines for saw mills. Mr. Edgeworth. Old drawings and copies.”

Summarised “Boulton sends compass. Drawings to be copied and sent to Mr. Watt. Bouge will not erect Edwards’ engine. Chelsea expansive engine to be loaded to 7½ lbs. per inch, the great fault at Soho is, being too lightly loaded.”


On the same sheet:
Transcripts of 2 letters, as follows:
James Watt (Birmingham) to John Turner (—). 19 Apr. 1781.
James Watt (Birmingham) to Hugh Jones (Chester). 26 Apr. 1781.

Mis-dated by Watt as 1 Apr.

Sending of the Pool cylinder and other goods – danger of privateers. Trevascus engine house. Glad to hear Phillips is not going to leave Cornwall. Poldice drawings. Has received the fossils.


3/261 Jabez Carter Hornblower, 1778-1779  (24 items)
Hornblower briefly worked for Boulton & Watt on various engines, but was dismissed because of his bad attitude and poor relations with Boulton & Watt’s customers. He went on to make engines that Boulton & Watt considering as infringing Watt’s patent, leading to lengthy legal action [see 2/41-2/48].
The bundle also contains a letter from one Margaret Hornblower, probably Jabez’s wife.


*Docked* “About Ketley injection pipe.”

*Letter brought “per James Law.”*


3/262 Samuel Hurt, Abraham Storey, Simon Vivian, 1800-1811 (35 items)

Letters from three senior employees at Soho Foundry: Samuel Hurt, Head Clerk; Abraham Storey, head of the foundry department; and Simon Vivian, a smith and fitter.

Samuel Hurt, 1800, 1801, 1804, 1811.

*Docked* “With Bishton & Co.’s account.”

On the same sheet:  

*Docked* “State of boilers at Soho Foundry.”

*Docked* “State of J. Kennedy’s engine, Pollard’s ditto, Marsden & Neil’s ditto.”

5. Letter. Samuel Hurt (Soho Foundry) to M. R. Boulton (Soho). 15 May 1801.  
*Docked* “Particulars of account against Dingley.”

*Docked* “Enclosing a bill on Henry P. Whateley’s account. Bennison applies for Murdock’s statement of income.”

*Docked* “Rough statement of Thomas Dixon’s account.”

8a. Letter. Samuel Hurt (Soho Foundry) to Boulton & Watt Jrs. (Soho). 9 Jul. 1801.  
*Kept with (b) below.  
Docked* “With amounts of quarterly accounts.”


*Not dated – date taken from the docket. Docked* “Prices of pig iron Lady Day quarter etc.”

10. Account. Thomas Dixon debitor to Boulton & Watt Jrs. 17 Jul. 1801.  
*Sent by Hurt to M. R. Boulton at Soho. The address and docket are on a separate wrapper. Docked* “Mr. Hurt. Statement of Mr. T. Dixon’s account – balance against him of £28.”

*Docked* “Prices asked for removing soil and filling up the foundations of the houses.”
*Sent by Hurt to M. R. Boulton at Soho.* 
*Docketed “S. Hurt. Statement of Lloyd’s account.”*

*Docketed “Queries about apprentices’ articles and terms. Smith & Sons cannot undertake to bring our timber. A boatman of the name of Swaine will offer terms for bringing it.”*

*Samuel Hurt added a note and passed this to M. R. Boulton. Docketed “Obstacles in getting his timber at Bromley Wharf loaded.”*

*Docketed “Has examined account of timber sent by R. Southern & Co. and finds it correct.”*

*Docketed “Mr. Lodge to Mr. Hurt. Upon Gregory’s charges.”*

*Docketed “Account of Croft’s elopement.”*

*Not dated – date taken from the docket. Docketed “Queries respecting Hunt & Cliffe’s account. N.B. [?] a bill was remitted them viz £39.2.10 the 3rd Nov. by R. B. [Robinson Boulton].”*

*Docketed “Encloses Dutton’s account for water tue irons with comments.”*

20. Letter. Samuel Hurt (Soho Foundry) to James Watt Jr. (Soho). 9 Nov. 1801. 
*Not dated – date taken from the docket. Docketed “Note of Geddes’ wheels. Morgan’s boiler sent. Enderby & Co.’s engine will require 3 weeks to complete.”*

21. Letter. Samuel Hurt (Soho Foundry) to John Southern [Soho]. 17 Nov. 1801. 
*Docketed “Wanting to know the directions for little engines.”*

22. Account. Thomas Smith in account with Boulton & Watt Jrs. For bricks, lime, sand etc. 14 Dec. 1801. 
*Sent by Hurt to M. R. Boulton at Soho.* 
*Docketed “S. Hurt. Statement of T. Smith’s account.”*

*Docketed “Respecting the getting of dry sand.”*

*Docketed “Prices of well-sinking.”*

*Docketed “Quantities of bar and pig iron received during the quarter.”*

*Docketed “Attributes the backward state of the books to the want of proper assistance. Apologises for having embarked in a concern without our knowledge. Offers his services again in the fitting department.”*

b. Account. Sketch of extra time from July 1795 to 31 December 1806 & time from 30 September 1809 etc. etc.

Abraham Storey, 1804.


Simon Vivian, 1800, 1801.


32a. Letter. Simon Vivian (Soho Foundry) to John Southern (Soho). 9 Nov. 1801. Enclosing (b) below. Docketed “Informing of the breakage of Mr. Lee’s eccentric circle.”

b. Letter. Bickley & Co. per R. Radnall (Price’s Wharf, Wolverhampton) to “Boulton & Watt’s Agent” (Soho Foundry). 8 Nov. 1801.


34. Letter. Simon Vivian (Soho Foundry) to James Watt Jr. (The Rookery). 27 Nov. 1801. Docketed “Daintry & Ryle’s boiler already sent.”

35. Label. Marked “Letters from Hurt, Vivian & Story. + Miscell. Letters. IIII. This appears to be a Library label describing the entire contents of Bundle III in Box 5 in the old numbering scheme.”

3/263 Eidingtoun Smeaton Hutton, 1804-1805 (29 items)

Hutton was an engine erector and engineer based in Manchester until late 1805, when he moved to Scotland. He worked on a wide variety of engines, liaised with Boulton Watt & Co.’s customers and directed junior engine erectors. He also worked on gas lighting installations.


2. Letter. E. S. Hutton (Edinburgh) to James Watt Jr. (Soho). 25 May 1805. Docketed “Has nearly arranged his private affairs. Requests instructions as to his destination. Favourable account of the Carlisle Twist Co.’s engine. Wishes to have a portable copying machine.”
Docketed “Causes of not writing sooner. Intention of coming by the coach from Carlisle to Manchester. Remittance of £50 on his private account. Repeats desire to have a copying machine.”

Docketed “Arrival there without receiving our letters. Sets off for Preston immediately. Receipt from the Carlisle Twist Co. Shake in their connecting rod. Gillespie has finished at Stockport.”

Docketed “Information respecting the failure of Watson Ainsworth & Co.’s boiler obtained from their men. Alleged insufficiency of the plates by expectations of an abatement. Conditional offer of an order for a new. Remittance promised by Watson Catterall & Co. Charge for a pair of rotative wheels to be explained.”


Docketed “Progress at Werneth Colliery and account of their engines. Query respecting Southam’s. Coals from Wigan ordered by Mr. Lee. Arrangement of men. Observation on the firm of Catterall & Co.”

Docketed “Orders an injection cock, and a small valve for Mr. Bury. Remittance from Mitchel.”

Docketed “Remittances from sundries. Promise of the balance from Mr. James Ollivant in 3 weeks. Ditto from Mr. Clegg of Oldham in a week. Reason of Milner & Whitaker’s procrastination. Expects to receive their debt next week. Mr. Houldsworth’s expectation of an allowance. Sundry articles to be deducted on D. Holt’s account. Wants instructions what is to be done with those and other articles that lie in the neighbourhood of Manchester. Refers us to Mr. Lawson for particulars of Werneth Colliery engine. Observations upon order for Mr. Berry’s injection cock. Wants instructions for the employment of William Wright.”

Docketed “Messrs. Ratcliffe & Ross anxious to receive drawings for the erection of their apparatus. Proposes William Wright to do it. Robert McMurdo to put up Cheetham’s cylinder. Receipt of balance of account from Pownal. Hopes to receive Paulden’s executors’ account. Enquires when Mr. James Watt and Mr. Murdock may be expected in Manchester. Repairs of Mr. Hume’s engine by Gavin McMurdo.”

Docketed “Remittance from Hayes & Bellhouse. Milner & Whitaker’s shuffles. Advises us to write to them. Wright gone to Glasgow without his wife. Wants statement of Hughes’ account.”

Docketed “Sketch of Mr. Leach’s premises and order for 14 horse engine. Wants drawings.” The sketch is on the same sheet.

Docketed “Particulars of returned castings forwarded from Manchester by him. Enquires if travelling expenses should be charged for Wright. Intends to ask payment from Hughes and Milner & Whitaker. Sends sketch of Mr. Lee’s mill.”
14. Letter. E. S. Hutton (Manchester) to Boulton Watt & Co. (Soho). 16 Sep. 1805. Docketed "Confirmation of Mr. Leach's name being correctly quoted by him. Further report of his responsibility. Paulden's executors allege to have remitted for nearly the whole of their account. Mr. James Ollivant promises to remit at the end of the month. Hopes Mr. Lawson will return to Manchester to allow him leisure to attend the erection of Messrs. Kennedy's engine."

15. Letter. E. S. Hutton (Manchester) to Boulton Watt & Co. (Soho). 20 Sep. 1805. Docketed "Objections of Mr. James Lee to the charge of Brunton's time alleging that it had been stated by Mr. Lawson at one half the amount. Promises of particulars of Wright's and Haden's time. Robert McMurdoo intended to erect the engine of Mr. J. Smith. Sundry remittances."


18. Letter. E. S. Hutton (Manchester) to James Watt Jr. [Soho]. 29 Oct. 1805. Docketed "Account of men's time at James Ollivant & Co.'s. Pool's time at A. Smith's. Mr. Leach's boiler to be a 16 horse."

19. Letter. E. S. Hutton (Manchester) to Boulton Watt & Co. (Soho). 3 Nov. 1805. Docketed "Orders injection cock for McConnel & Kennedy. Their engine has started and performs well. Radcliffe & Ross defer the extension of their apparatus for this season. Wish to see Mr. Murdock about new light. Receipt of £2.15 from Paulden's."


21. Letter. E. S. Hutton (Manchester) to Boulton Watt & Co. (Soho). 9 Nov. 1805. Docketed "Progress made in the engine house at Ridgway's. Waits instructions for proceeding to Carlisle. Mr. James Kennedy wants one of his boilers. McConnel & Co. have adopted the mode of blowing mentioned in ours and the engine continues to do well. Remits bill of £130 to discharge his brother's debt etc. His brother better and gone on to Flimby. Has not been able to settle with Hughes."

22. Letter. E. S. Hutton (Manchester) to Boulton Watt & Co. (Soho). 28 Nov. 1805. Docketed "State of Mr. Barker's engine. The concern to be abandoned in a twelvemonth and no new engine likely to be wanted. Wanlockhead engine to be set to work in 5 or 6 weeks. Appointment with Mr. Houstoun etc."


27. Letter. E. S. Hutton (Dundee) to Boulton Watt & Co. (Soho). 20 Dec. 1805. Docketed “Further particulars of Mr. Patrick Hutton’s situation. He wishes an engine of the newest sort. Account of Mr. Balfour’s premises and views. Particulars of work done by Mr. Wilkie’s engine. Tolerable performance of Colonel Mylne’s engine. Will direct Haden to put up the governor and remedy the air leaks of Wilkie’s engine.”


29. Letter. E. S. Hutton (Edinburgh) to Boulton Watt & Co. (Soho). 30 Dec. 1805. Docketed “Estimate to be sent to Mr. John Whittel of Dundee. Thickness of partition wall at Mr. Patrick Hutton’s. Boiler may stand as in our sketch.”