

**MS 3147/3/427**  
**GENERAL CORRESPONDENCE DEALT WITH BY JOHN SOUTHERN,**  
**1788—1798**

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1. Bundle wrapper.  
*Marked "D various 1788—1798."*
2. Letter. Daintry Ryle & Daintry (Macclesfield) to Boulton & Watt (Birmingham). 5 Dec. 1794.
3. Letter. Marton & Dalrymple (Omoa Iron Works, Hamilton) to Boulton & Watt (Birmingham). 26 Apr. 1797.  
*Docketed as Dalrymple & Marton.*
- 4a. Letter. John Davey (Herland) to William Murdock [Redruth]. 28 Mar. 1797.  
*Enclosing (b) below.*  
*Docketed "Orders piston and piston rod."*
- b. Sketch. A Piston and rod for Herland Mine.
5. Letter. William Davey (Wheal Unity) to John Southern [?] [Soho]. 12 Oct. 1798.  
*Docketed "Specifies the Poldice nozzles to be the same as North Downs new engine."*
6. Letter. D. Davies (Madeley) to Boulton & Watt [Soho]. 29 Sep. 1788.  
*Docketed "Sundries."*
7. Letter. Davison & Hawksley (Nottingham) to Boulton & Watt (Birmingham). 14 Nov. 1789.
8. Letter. Richard Dayus (London) to William Forman (Soho). 30 Jun. 1794.  
*On the same sheet:*  
Sketches. Mr. Abrams' Fireplaces, bars etc.  
*Docketed "6 horse fire bars etc. etc. Sundries."*
9. Letter. Richard Dayus (London) to Boulton & Watt [Soho]. 18 Jul. 1794.
10. Letter. Richard Dayus (London) to John Southern (Soho). 9 Oct. 1794.  
*On the same sheet:*  
Sketch. Situation of Randall & Suter's proposed engine.  
Letter. John Woodward (London) to Boulton & Watt (Soho). 9 Oct. 1794.
11. Letter. Richard Dayus (London) to William Forman [Soho]. 22 Dec. 1794.
12. Letter. Richard Dayus (London) to John Southern (Soho). 2 May 1795.
- 13a. Letter. Richard Dayus (London) to John Southern [Soho]. 16 Jul. 1795.  
*Enclosing (b) below.*
- b. Sketch. Arrangement of Samuel Whitbread's condensing cistern.
14. Letter. Richard Dayus (London) to Boulton & Watt (Soho). 9 Nov. 1795.  
*Docketed "Answered. Randall & Suter."*

15. Letter. Richard Dayus (London) to John Southern (Soho). 23 Nov. 1795.  
*Mis-docketed as 1796.*
16. Letter. Richard Dayus (London) to John Southern (Soho). 9 Jun. 1796.  
*Not dated – date taken from the postmark. Marked “Replied 10 Jun. 1796.”*
17. Letter. Richard Dayus (London) to John Southern [Soho]. 6 Sep. 1796.
18. Letter. Richard Dayus (London) to John Southern [Soho]. 19 Sep. 1796.
19. Letter. Richard Dayus (London) to John Southern [Soho]. 5 Apr. 1797.  
*Docketed “Moorman & Son.”*
20. Letter. Richard Dayus (London) to John Southern (Soho). 16 Oct. 1797.  
*Docketed “Wilkinson Baker & Fisher’s rotative shaft. A 12 horse fly wheel lying at Rennie’s. His new address 18 Pitt St., Blackfriars Road.”*
21. Letter. Richard Dayus (London) to John Southern [Soho]. 30 Dec. 1797.  
*Docketed “Particulars wanted for Gyfford’s engine (to be double).”*
22. Letter. Richard Dayus (London) to John Southern (Soho). 10 Mar. 1798.  
*Docketed “Wants boiler drawing for Gyfford. Steam gauges for Borough Water Works. Consumption of Henry Goodwyn’s engine.”*
23. Letter. Richard Dayus (London) to John Southern (Soho). 4 Apr. 1798.  
*Docketed “Not able to get the size of Gyfford’s piston rod cone. Eamer’s boiler - they have been troubled with. Mr. Craven, sugar grinder. Is to go to Windsor – the cylinder case cracked.”*
24. Letter. Richard Dayus (Pitt Street, London) to John Southern (Soho). 13 Apr. 1798.  
*Docketed “Price of an engine for Mr. Coslet. Dimensions of Gyfford’s piston rod.”*
25. Letter. Richard Dayus [London] to John Southern (—). 24 Apr. 1798.  
*Docketed “Wilkinsons have broke their cylinder lid. Ramsbottom broke steam case.”*
26. Letter. Richard Dayus (London) to M. R. Boulton (Soho). 31 May 1798.  
*On the same sheet:*  
Sketches. Air pump bucket, rod and cap.  
*Docketed “Orders air pump bucket, rod and cap – Felix Calvert.”*
27. Letter. Richard Dayus (London) to John Southern [Soho]. 12 Jun. 1798.  
*Marked “Answered 15 Jun.” Docketed “Wants drawing of Coslet’s boiler seating.”*
28. Letter (in French). Mr. — de Charmilly, Deputy of St. Domingo (31 Queen Ann St. East, London) to Matthew Boulton (Birmingham). 1 Nov. 1794.
29. Letter. James Deacon (Portsmouth) to Boulton & Watt (Birmingham). 4 Feb. 1793.  
*Docketed “Replied 7 Feb. 1793.”*
30. Letter. James Deacon (Portsmouth) to Boulton & Watt (Birmingham). 12 Feb. 1793.  
*Docketed “Replied 15 Feb.”*
31. Letter. Edward Dean (Manchester) to Boulton & Watt [Soho]. 20 Feb. 1798.  
*Docketed “Imperfect length of shaft – see his letter 7 Mar.”*

32. Letter. Edward Dean (Manchester) to Boulton & Watt (Soho). 7 Mar. 1788.  
*On the same sheet:*  
Sketch of his rotative shaft.  
*Docketed "Dimensions of rotative shaft. Wants a person to put the engine together."*
33. Letter. John Petty Dearman [Birmingham] to James Watt [Soho]. Not dated.
34. Letter. John Petty Dearman (Birmingham) to John Southern (Soho). 12 Dec. 1794.
35. Letter. Dearman Francis & Dearman [Birmingham] to John Southern [Soho]. "Tuesday"  
[— 1791].  
*Docketed "May or Jun."*
36. Letter. Dearman Francis & Co. (Birmingham) to Boulton & Watt [Soho]. 16 Dec. 1791.
37. Letter. Dearman Francis & Co. (Birmingham) to Boulton & Watt (Soho). 22 Dec. 1791.  
*Docketed "Order for engine."*
38. Letter. Dearman Francis & Co. [Birmingham] to Boulton & Watt [Soho]. 13 Feb. 1792.
39. Letter. Dearman Francis & Dearman (Birmingham) to Boulton & Watt (Soho). 6 Mar.  
1792.
40. Letter. Dearmans & Francis (Eagle Foundry) to Boulton & Watt [Soho]. 6 Jul. 1793.  
*Docketed "Replied 11 Jul."*
41. Letter. Dearmans & Francis [Eagle Foundry] to John Southern (Soho). 21 Jan. 1795.
42. Letter. Dearmans & Francis (Eagle Foundry) to Joh Southern [Soho]. 23 Jan. 1795.
43. Letter. Robert Denison (Nottingham) to Boulton & Watt (Birmingham). 11 Jul. 1791.
44. Letter. Robert Denison (Nottingham) to Boulton & Watt [Birmingham]. 14 Jul. 1791.
45. Letter. Robert Denison & Co. (Nottingham) to Boulton & Watt (Birmingham). 10 Jan.  
1792.  
*Docketed as 12 Jan.*
46. Letter. Robert Denison & Co. (Nottingham) to Boulton & Watt (Birmingham). 9 Feb.  
1792.
47. Letter. Robert Denison & Co. per John Need (Nottingham) to Boulton & Watt  
(Birmingham). 24 Feb. 1792.
48. Letter. Robert Denison & Co. per John Need (Nottingham) to Boulton & Watt  
[Birmingham]. 21 Apr. 1792.  
*Marked "Replied 23 Apr. J. S."*
49. Letter. Robert Denison & Co. per John Need (Nottingham) to Boulton & Watt  
(Birmingham). 21 May 1792.  
*Marked "Mr. W. replied 25 May 1792."*
50. Letter. Robert Denison & Co. (Nottingham) to Boulton & Watt (Soho). 28 May 1792.
51. Letter. Robert Denison & Co. (Nottingham) to Boulton & Watt (Soho). 21 Aug. 1792.

52. Letter. Robert Denison & Co. (Nottingham) to Boulton & Watt [Soho]. 23 Feb. 1793.  
*Docketed "Answered 25 Jul. 1793."*
53. Letter. Dinwiddie Kennedy Dinwiddie & Co. (Manchester) to Boulton & Watt [Soho]. 5 May 1792.
54. Letter. Edward Dobson (Godmanchester) to Matthew Boulton (Birmingham). 15 Nov. 1790.  
*Boulton has made notes for the reply on the sheet.*
55. Letter. Edward Dobson (Godmanchester) to Boulton & Watt (Birmingham). 26 Nov. 1790.
56. Letter. Matthew Dodson "with Cope & Biddle" (Bradford St., Birmingham) to William Forman (Soho). 24 Jan. 1795.
57. Letter. William Dommett (Frome) to Boulton & Watt [Soho]. 22 Aug. 1796.
58. Letter. Alexander Donald (Nuneaton) to James Watt [Soho]. 5 Feb. 1797.  
*Docketed "On erecting a steam engine on his colliery."*
59. Memorandum. Engine calculations and estimate for Alexander Donald. — Feb. 1797.
60. Letter. William Douglas & Co. (Pendleton) to Boulton & Watt (Birmingham). 1 Jan. 1792.  
*Docketed "8 horse."*
61. Letter. William Douglas (Manchester) to Boulton & Watt (Birmingham). 7 Jan. 1792.  
*Mis-dated as 1791.*
62. Letter. William Douglas & Co. (Pendleton) to Boulton & Watt (Birmingham). 21 Feb. 1792.
63. Letter. William Douglas & Co. (Pendleton) to Boulton & Watt (Birmingham). 14 Jun. 1792.
64. Letter. William Douglas & Co. (Manchester) to Boulton & Watt [Birmingham]. 28 Jun. 1792.  
*Marked "Replied 30 Jun. 1792 J. S."*
65. Letter. William Douglas & Co. (Manchester) to Boulton & Watt (Birmingham). 18 Aug. 1792.
66. Letter. William Douglas & Co. (Holywell) to Boulton & Watt [Birmingham]. 11 Sep. 1792.
67. Letter. William Douglas & Co. (Manchester) to Boulton & Watt (Birmingham). 24 Sep. 1792.  
*Marked "Replied 26 Sep. J. S."*
68. Letter. James & Edward Weatherby (Newmarket) to Boulton & Watt [Soho]. 6 Dec. 1792.  
*Docketed as William Douglas & Co.  
Marked "Replied 10 Dec. J. S."*
69. Letter. William Douglas & Co. (Manchester) to Boulton & Watt (Soho). 22 Aug. 1794.

70. Letter. William Douglas & Co. (Manchester) to Boulton & Watt (Birmingham). 14 Nov. 1796.
71. Letter. Peter Drinkwater (Manchester) to Boulton & Watt (Birmingham). 3 Apr. 1789.
72. Letter. Peter Drinkwater (Manchester) to Boulton & Watt (Birmingham). 18 Apr. 1789.
73. Letter. Peter Drinkwater (Manchester) to Boulton & Watt [Birmingham]. 3 Jun. 1789.
74. Letter. Peter Drinkwater (Manchester) to Boulton & Watt (Birmingham). 9 Jun. 1789.
75. Letter. Peter Drinkwater (Manchester) to Boulton & Watt [Birmingham]. 12 Jun. 1789.
76. Letter. Thomas Lowe (Nottingham) to Boulton & Watt [Soho]. 25 Jul. 1789.  
*Docketed as Peter Drinkwater.*
77. Letter. Peter Drinkwater (Manchester) to Boulton & Watt [Birmingham]. 20 Aug. 1789.
78. Letter. Peter Drinkwater (Manchester) to Boulton & Watt (Birmingham). 21 Nov. 1789.
79. Letter. Peter Drinkwater (Manchester) to Boulton & Watt [Birmingham]. 29 Nov. 1789.
80. Letter. Peter Drinkwater (Manchester) to Boulton & Watt (Birmingham). 13 Dec. 1789.
81. Letter. Peter Drinkwater per Robert Owen (Piccadilly Factory, Manchester) to Boulton & Watt [Soho]. 4 Mar. 1793.
82. Letter. Peter Drinkwater per Robert Owen (Piccadilly Factory, Manchester) to Boulton & Watt [Soho]. 14 Mar. 1793.
83. Letter. W. Chapman (Dublin) to John Southern [Soho]. 5 Dec. 1791.  
*Docketed as the Dublin Canal.*
84. Letter. W. Chapman (Dublin) to John Southern [Soho]. 27 Dec. 1791.  
*Docketed as the Dublin Canal.*
85. Letter. W. Chapman (Limerick) to John Southern (Soho). 20 Jan. 1792.  
*Docketed as the Dublin Canal.*
86. Letter. John Macartney (Dublin) to Boulton & Watt [Soho]. 9 Feb. 1792.  
*Docketed as the Dublin Canal.*
87. Letter. W. Chapman (Dublin) to John Southern [Soho]. 31 Mar. 1792.  
*Docketed as the Dublin Canal.*
88. Letter. Archibald Millar (57 Townsend St., Dublin) to Boulton & Watt [Soho]. 6 Oct. 1792.  
*Docketed as the Dublin Canal.*
89. Letter. Robert Peel (Bury) to Boulton & Watt [Soho]. 20 Jul. 1792.  
*Docketed as Duck & Potts.*
90. Letter. Duck & Potts (Manchester) to Boulton & Watt (Soho). 28 Dec. 1792.  
*Marked "Replied 31 Dec. 1792."*

91. Letter. Thomas Dudgeon [Durham] to John Southern (at Mr. Wenington's, 2 Thavies Inn, London). 15 Dec. 1795.
92. Letter. Thomas Dudgeon (Newcastle upon Tyne) to John Southern (Soho). 29 Mar. 1796.
93. Letter. Thomas Dudgeon (Newcastle upon Tyne) to Boulton & Watt [Soho]. 5 Sep. 1796.
94. Letter. Thomas Dudgeon (Newcastle upon Tyne) to Boulton & Watt (Soho). 23 Dec. 1796.  
*Docketed "Blackston and Hodson."*
95. Letter. Thomas Dudgeon (Newcastle upon Tyne) to Boulton & Watt (Soho). 20 Jan. 1797.  
*Docketed "Particulars of Mr. Blakiston's engine (6 horse)."*
96. Letter. Thomas Dudgeon (Newcastle upon Tyne) to Boulton & Watt (Soho). 1 Mar. 1797.  
*On the same sheet:*  
Sketch. Plan of Mr. Blakiston's engine house and mill house.
97. Letter. Thomas Dudgeon (Newcastle upon Tyne) to Boulton & Watt (Soho). 6 Aug. 1797.  
*Docketed "Wants estimate of engine for Campbell."*
98. Letter. Thomas Dudgeon (Newcastle upon Tyne) to Boulton & Watt [Soho]. 28 Nov. 1797.  
*Docketed "Wants estimate of engine to work a 9 inch pump 16 fathoms."*
99. Letter. Thomas Dudgeon (Newcastle) to Boulton & Watt (Soho). 7 Dec. 1798.  
*On the same sheet:*  
Sketch. Plan of Surtees & Hall's engine and boiler.  
*Docketed "Sketch of Surtees & Hall's engine house."*
100. Letter. Thomas Dudgeon (Newcastle) to Boulton & Watt [Soho]. 25 Dec. 1798.  
*Docketed "Messrs. Surtees & hall fix the size of engine house. Wants estimate of 8 horse engine for Hind James & Co. – with whom he suspects some unfair play has been used."*
101. Letter. Joseph Dunkerley (Oldham) to Boulton & Watt (Soho). 28 Jun. 1796.
102. Letter. John Dunkin [London] to Boulton & Watt [Birmingham]. 8 Dec. 1789.  
*Docketed as Dunkin & Stubbs. The sheet has been used for calculations.*
103. Letter. John Dunkin (Shad Thames, Southwark) to Boulton & Watt [Birmingham]. 3 Dec. 1793.  
*Marked "Replied 5 Dec."*
104. Letter. John Dunkin (Shad Thames, Southwark) to Boulton & Watt (Birmingham). 1 Aug. 1794.  
*Docketed "Answered 3 Aug. 1794."*