

**MS 3147/3/442**  
**MISCELLANEOUS GENERAL CORRESPONDENCE DEALT WITH IN**  
**THE DRAWING OFFICE 1829—1843**

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1. Memorandum. Samuel Badger at Soho. 8 Nov. 1842.  
*Docketed "Pays £76.10.0 to settle his account."*
2. Note. Samuel Badger [Birmingham] to Gilbert Hamilton [Soho]. 22 Dec. 1842.  
*Docketed "Orders two hornbeam planks."*
3. Letter. Samuel Badger (Birmingham) to Boulton Watt & Co. [Soho]. 11 Mar. 1843.  
*Docketed "His opinion of Benjamin Ross."*
4. Letter. Robert Bagott (3 Tyrer St., Liverpool) to Boulton Watt & Co. (Soho). 8 Nov. 1837.  
*Docketed "Orders sundries to Mark<sup>SS</sup> IW."*
5. Letter. Robert Bagott (Liverpool) to Boulton Watt & Co. (Soho). 9 Dec. 1837.  
*Docketed "Remits bank bill for £18.17.0. Acknowledged by Mr. Chubb."*
6. Letter. W. Bailey (Wolverhampton) to Boulton Watt & Co. (Soho). 28 Jul. 1842.  
*The letter is written on a printed handbill describing Sir James Murray's fluid magnesia and an imitation made by Mr. Tagart.*  
*Docketed "Sketch of their emptying cock. Will send his cart to Soho tomorrow for pipes etc. When can we send a man to erect them. Enquires after the copper still pipe."*
7. Letter. W. Bailey (Wolverhampton) to Boulton Watt & Co. (Soho). 29 Jul. 1842.  
*Docketed "Has received his heating apparatus and wants a man on Monday to erect it. Wants also the still pipe. W. Grigg to go."*
8. Letter. W. Bailey (Wolverhampton) to Gilbert Hamilton (Soho). 1 Aug. 1842.  
*Docketed "Part of their apparatus requires altering and another 2 inch cock is wanted."*
- 9a. Letter. W. Bailey (Wolverhampton) to Gilbert Hamilton (Soho). 2 Aug. 1842.  
*Enclosing (b) below, which is now attached to the letter.*  
*Docketed "Sends sketch of emptying pipe. Wants to see me."*
- b. Sketch. Discharge pipe.
- 10a. Letter. W. Bailey (Wolverhampton) to Boulton Watt & Co. (Birmingham). 10 Aug. 1842.  
*The letter is written on a printed handbill describing Sir James Murray's fluid magnesia and an imitation made by Mr. Tagart. Enclosing (b) below, which is now attached to the letter.*  
*Docketed "Order 2 pipes for his steam apparatus."*
- b. Sketch. Small pipe.
11. Letter. W. Bailey (Wolverhampton) to Boulton Watt & Co. (Soho). 17 Aug. 1842.  
*The letter is written on a printed handbill describing Sir James Murray's fluid magnesia and an imitation made by Mr. Tagart.*  
*Docketed "Asks when the pipes ordered on the 15<sup>th</sup> will be sent. Gregg goes on well."*

12. Letter. Bailey Bros. & Co. (Liverpool) to Boulton & Watt (Birmingham). 9 Nov. 1835.  
*On the same sheet:*  
 Memorandum. Copy of enquiries.  
*Docketed "Want estimate of a high pressure boiler for a 64 inch pumping engine and information concerning the same."*
13. Letter. Evan Baillie, Sons & Co. (Bristol) to Boulton Watt & Co. (Birmingham). 5 Dec. 1842.  
*Docketed "Order articles for Plantation Eliza & Mary."*
14. Letter. Evan Baillie, Sons & Co. (Bristol) to Boulton Watt & Co. (Birmingham). 4 Apr. 1843.  
*On the same sheet:*  
 Transcript of extract from letter from Berbice dated 2 Mar. 1843.  
*Docketed "Acknowledge ours of the 24<sup>th</sup> and 25<sup>th</sup> ult<sup>o</sup>. Send explanations for their late order."*
15. Letter. Evan Baillie, Sons & Co. (Bristol) to Boulton Watt & Co. (Birmingham). 18 Apr. 1843.  
*Docketed by Henry Wollaston Blake.*  
*Docketed "Request us to draw upon them for the amount of our account - £203.8. Answered 18<sup>th</sup>."*
- 16a. Letter. Evan Baillie, Sons & Co. per L. de Soyres [?] (Bristol) to Boulton Watt & Co. (Soho). 21 Apr. 1843.  
*Enclosing (b)—(d) below.*  
*Docketed by Henry Wollaston Blake. On the same sheet:*  
 Memorandum. Articles required for the Eliza & Mary Estate.  
*Docketed "Enclose our draft upon them for £203.8. – accepted. Send fresh instructions in reference to machinery for Eliza & Mary Estate."*
- b-d.** Sketches. Clutch, chain and wheels.
- 17a. Letter. Brackstone Baker (Dept. du Gard, Nîmes, France) to Boulton & Watt (Soho). 29 Jan. 1840.  
*Kept with (b) & (c) below.*  
*Docketed "Wants estimate of two engines etc. for pumping water to supply the town."*
- b-c.** 2 sheets of calculations.  
*Docketed "Estimates for water works at Nîmes."*
18. Letter. Nicholas Baker (Birmingham) to Boulton Watt & Co. [Soho]. 18 Apr. 1832.  
*Docketed "Asks if we can make him a steam carriage to draw clay over 5 miles of turnpike road and what will be the cost etc."*
19. Letter. William A. Baker (Winson Green) to Gilbert Hamilton [?] [Soho]. 17 Aug. 1832.  
*Docketed "Asks for a loan of £5."*
- 20a. Letter. Balston & Co. (3 Crown Court, Old Broad St., London) to Boulton Watt & Co. (Soho). 18 Oct. 1842.  
*Enclosing (b) below.*  
*Docketed by Henry Wollaston Blake.*  
*Docketed "Wish us to repair two rolls they have sent down per Whitehouse, and to make duplicates of them. Give their opinion, and particulars."*

- b. Sketch of the rollers.
21. Letter. Barrett & Denny (Cork) to Boulton Watt & Co. (Birmingham). 20 Oct. 1832.  
*Docketed "Want to know the advantages our boilers possess, and what would be our charge for a new one for a steam vessel with a 20 horse engine."*
22. Letter. Barrett & Denny (Cork) to Boulton Watt & Co. [Soho]. 6 Nov. 1832.  
*Docketed "Ask for a reply to their letter of 20<sup>th</sup> ult."*
23. Letter. Morris Banks (Bull Ring, Birmingham) to William Buckle (Soho). 28 Sep. 1842.  
*Docketed "Asks us to undertake the repair of the New Union Mill engine."*
24. Letter. David Barclay (London) to Boulton Watt & Co. (Birmingham). 5 Jan. 1832.  
*Docketed "Introducing Mr. Frederick Grellet to inspect the Mexican Mint machinery and to supply him with information on sundry points."*
25. Letter. Edward Barker (23 Congreve St., Birmingham) to Boulton & Watt (Soho Foundry). 6 Nov. 1837.  
*Docketed "Enquires the price of a 20 horse independent engine with 30 horse tube boiler, delivered in Bristol for a friend there."*
26. Letter. Thomas Barnett (1 Colmore Row, Birmingham) to Boulton Watt & Co. (Soho). 20 Sep. 1840.  
*Docketed "Offers to put up a smoke consuming apparatus for £10.0.0."*
27. Letter. Thomas Barnett (1 Colmore Row, Birmingham) to Boulton Watt & Co. (Soho). 11 Dec. 1843.  
*Docketed "Will be at Soho on Wednesday respecting the smoke burning apparatus."*
- 28a. Printed form. Thomas Barnett (Birmingham) to Boulton Watt & Co. (Soho). 13 Dec. 1843.  
*Attached to (b) below.*
- b. Wrapper for the above form.  
*Docketed "Engages to put up for us one of C. W. Williams' smoke burning apparatus for £12.0.0."*
29. Letter. John Bartholomew & Co. (Glasgow) to Boulton Watt & Co. [Soho]. 20 Feb. 1833.  
*Docketed "Want estimate of a 60 horse land engine without boiler. Also of 80 horse, 100 horse and 120 horse. Ask our opinion whether it will be best to have one engine of 120 horse power or two of 60 horse."*
30. Letter. Thomas Barton & Co. per T. Andrew (Manchester) to Boulton Watt & Co. [Soho]. 10 Aug. 1836.  
*Docketed "Are waiting for the steam pipes. Notice error in invoice."*
31. Memorandum. Bass & Ratcliff of Burton – apply for estimates of 6 and 10 horse engines. London, 11 Mar. 1831.  
*Docketed as Ross & Radcliffe.*
32. Letter. The Mayor & Corporation of Bath (Guildhall, Bath) to Boulton Watt & Co. (Soho). 17 Mar. 1833.  
*Docketed "Ask whether a 3 horse high pressure or 3 horse low pressure engine are best suited to pump water [in the town's hot baths] and wish to know the cost of such an engine as we recommend."*

33. Letter. Jos<sup>h</sup> Batham (Compton, near Wolverhampton) to Boulton Watt & Co. [Soho]. 16 Jul. 1829.  
*Docketed by William Creighton.*  
*Docketed "Orders 2 pump clacks and a box of cement for Stourport."*
34. Note. Charles Baumer (Great St. Helen's Chambers, London). 28 Sep. 1837.  
*Docketed "Orders bearer and grate bars."*
35. Letter. Bawden & Co. (South Molton) to Boulton Watt & Co. (Birmingham). 2 Oct. 1834.  
*Docketed "Ask information and price of a high pressure engine."*
36. Letter. Baylis Binger & Co. (12 Foster Lane, London) to Boulton Watt & Co. [Soho]. 22 Dec. 1835.  
*Docketed "Baylis Binger & Martin late Grout Baylis & Co. Enclose bill for £59.13.*  
*Acknowledged G. H."*
37. Letter. Thomas H. Bayly & Robert Bright (Bristol) to Boulton Watt & Co. (Soho). 12 Nov. 1832.  
*On the same sheet:*  
Letter. John Vaughan & Philip Vaughan to Boulton Watt & Co. 12 Nov. 1832.  
*Docketed "Send draft on Barnetts Hoare & Co. for £22.5.7 being a dividend of 8/- in the £ on J. & P. Vaughan's debt to Boulton & Watt. Proposal to grant a release to Messrs. Vaughan."*
- 38a. Letter. Beach & Maschwitz (35 Loveday St., Birmingham) to Boulton Watt & Co. (Soho). 2 Jun. 1834.  
*Enclosing (b) below.*  
*Docketed "Offer us the patent right of a pump invented by Thomas Todd of Hull."*
- b. Printed handbill. Circa Sep. 1833.  
*Description of "Thomas Todd's Improved Patent Machine or Apparatus for Raising Water and other liquids, either hot or cold", with illustrations. Todd's address is given as 18 Robinson Row, Hull.*
39. Letter. Samuel Beale [Birmingham] to Gilbert Hamilton [?] [Soho]. 1 Nov. 1842.  
*Docketed "Has received a contract from the Admiralty to be signed by us."*
- 40a. Letter. Charles Bean (Richmond) to Boulton & Watt (Soho). 9 Aug. 1838.  
*Enclosing (b) below.*
- b. Memorandum. Articles wanted for Plantation Richmond, Essequibo. 25 Jun. 1838.  
*By James Michie, "Chief Engineer".*  
*Docketed "Orders articles for 10 horse engine of Plantation Richmond, Essiquibo."*
41. Letter. John Beare (6 Great Newport St., Long Acre, London) to Boulton Watt & Co. (Soho Foundry). 20 Sep. 1842.  
*Docketed "Sends a specification of his patent fire engine. Proposes to call at Soho to endeavour to make an arrangement with us for its manufacture."*
42. Letter. John Beare (1 Upper Temple St., London) to Boulton Watt & Co. [Soho]. 30 Sep. 1842.  
*Docketed "Desires an interview on the subject of his patent pumps."*

43. Letter. Hugh Beaver (Glyn Garth, Anglesey) to Boulton Watt & Co. [Soho]. 17 Sep. 1843.  
*Docketed as being from Manchester, where Beaver's engine was located.*  
*Docketed "Orders a foot valve for his 60 horse boat engine."*
44. Letter. Hugh Beaver per James Mallalieu (Manchester) to Boulton Watt & Co. [Soho]. 17 Nov. 1843.  
*Docketed "Orders a delivering valve for his 60 horse boat engine."*
45. Letter. William Beckett (Hull) to Boulton Watt & Co. [Soho]. 30 Mar. 1831.  
*Docketed "Asks for information about timber and deal saw mills."*
46. Letter (printed circular). G. C. Begbie (112 New St., Birmingham). 19 Dec. 1842.  
*Docketed "Offers his services as an accountant."*
47. Letter (printed circular). J. Henry Beilby (Birmingham). 30 May 1835.  
*Docketed "Has withdrawn from the firm of Beilby Knott & Beilby which is to be immediately dissolved. Intends to carry on business on his own account. Solicits our patronage."*
48. Letter. George Bell (Paris) to Boulton Watt & Co. (13 London St.). 11 Aug. 1838.  
*Docketed "Solicits charity. Not noticed, the writer being unknown."*
49. Letter. G. Benkhausen (9 Argyll St., London) to Boulton Watt & Co. (13 London St.). 18 Nov. 1837.  
*Docketed "Wants estimates of marine steam engines, erected etc. and of cost of copper boilers for the same, also of Mr. Hall's condensing machine for ditto and the cost of engines without erection. Not answered."*
50. Letter. William Bennett (Manchester) to Boulton Watt & Co. [Soho]. 24 Nov. 1843.  
*Docketed "Nothing is yet settled about Mr. Gray's engine. Wants estimate of a 60 horse engine for Mr. Guest."*
51. Letter. Jos. & William Bennitt (Dudley) to Boulton & Watt [Soho]. 13 Feb. 1841.  
*Docketed "Want estimate of a 36/7 ~~pumping~~ engine. (Rotative, see letter of 16 Feb. 1841)."*
52. Letter. Jos. & William Bennitt (Dudley) to Boulton & Watt [Soho]. 16 Feb. 1841.  
*Docketed "Explanations respecting the engine for which they want an estimate."*
53. Letter. William Berey (Liverpool) to Boulton Watt & Co. [Soho]. 24 Dec. 1832.  
*Docketed "Offers his services as a general commission and forwarding agent."*
54. Letter (in German). Bergmann & Siegenbrucke (Hamburg) to Boulton & Watt (Birmingham). 17 Apr. 1829.  
*Docketed by William Creighton. With a translation on the same sheet.*  
*Docketed "Ask price of 8 and 10 horse engines for a saw mill."*
55. Letter. Salvatore Biaggio (London) to James Watt Jr. (Soho). 23 Jul. 1839.  
*Docketed by James Watt Jr. Docketed "States his poverty and renews his application for a situation etc. N.B. Mr. Brown instructed to give him another sovereign from J. Watt and to inform him that we could recommend him to no situation, and that his sons ought now to support him. See letter to Mr. Brown 18 Sep. 1839."*
56. Letter. Samuel Billington & Co. (Manchester) to Boulton & Watt [Soho]. 17 Aug. 1835.  
*Docketed "Ask price of a 16 horse and a 20 horse engine."*

57. Letter (printed circular). S. A. Bindley (9 Cherry St., Birmingham). 23 Mar. 1843.  
*On the same sheet:*  
 13 testimonials to Bindley.  
*Docketed "Is a candidate for appointment for the General Hospital, sends certificates etc."*
58. Letter. Charles Binns (Clay Cross) to Boulton Watt & Co. [Soho]. 26 Sep. 1842.  
*Docketed "Recommends us to send our boat for cokes."*
59. Letter. Charles Binns (Clay Cross) to Boulton & Watt [Soho]. 29 Sep. 1842.  
*Docketed "Our boat has been detained at Glascote Basin in consequence of the company not keeping a supply of cokes there."*
60. Letter. Charles Binns (Clay Cross) to Boulton Watt & Co. [Soho]. 7 Nov. 1842.  
*Docketed "About undertaking to deliver cokes at Soho. Expects soon to have an improved quality."*
61. Letter. Henry Birch (Birmingham) to Gilbert Hamilton [?] [Soho]. 20 Apr. 1843.  
*Docketed "Repeats his application to be employed in our works."*
62. Letter. N. Birkinshaw (Malta Cottage, Croydon Common) to Boulton Watt & Co. [Soho]. 26 Apr. 1843.  
*Docketed "Asks for employment."*
63. Letter. Charles Lloyd (Warwick & Birmingham Canal Office) to Boulton Watt & Co. (Soho). 24 Apr. 1843.  
*Docketed as the Birmingham & Warwick Canal.*  
*Docketed by Henry Wollaston Blake. Docketed "States that certain articles advised in BW&Co.'s letter of the 13<sup>th</sup> were not sent. Answered 27 Apr."*
64. Letter. Birmingham Banking Co. per James B. Hargreaves [Birmingham] to James Watt & Co. (Soho). 22 Apr. 1842.  
*Docketed "Order 6 bottles of copying ink."*
65. Note. James Watt Jr. (—) to ? 21 Jan. 1837.  
*Docketed as the Birmingham Canal Co.*  
*Docketed by James Watt Jr. Gilbert Hamilton has used the note for calculations. Docketed "Want estimate of an engine for the Oldbury branch of the canal."*
66. Letter. Birmingham Canal Committee per John Freeth (Navigation Office) to Boulton Watt & Co. [Soho]. 18 Feb. 1837.  
*Docketed "Orders a 36 inch Engine for the Birmingham Canal Co."*
67. Printed order note. Birmingham Canal Navigation Proprietors per W. [?] Gell (Navigation Office) to Hollins Hunt ("French Walls Foundry"). 2 Aug. 1837.  
*Docketed "Order pulley blocks & files."*
68. Printed order note. Birmingham Canal Navigation Proprietors per W. [?] Gell (Navigation Office) to Boulton Watt & Co. [Soho Foundry]. 1 Dec. 1837.  
*Passed to Gilbert Hamilton by James Ward with additional comments, 8 Dec.*  
*Docketed "Order a clack for 48 inch engine, Rotton Park and bucket and clack for Titford 36/7 engine."*
69. Memorandum. Birmingham Canal Co. 15 Jul. 1839.  
*In Gilbert Hamilton's hand.*  
*Docketed "Pay £46.16.0."*

- 70a.** Printed order note. Birmingham Canal Navigation Proprietors per Isaac Smith (Navigation Office) to Boulton Watt & Co. 13 Oct. 1843.  
*With (b) below attached.*
- b.** Letter. Hollins Hunt (Soho Foundry) to Gilbert Hamilton [Soho]. 14 Oct. 1843.  
*Docketed "Birmingham Canal Co. order a boiler and apparatus for the 36 inch engine at Titford."*
- 71a.** Letter. D. Blake (Castle Inn, Birmingham) to Boulton Watt & Co. [Soho]. 10 Oct. 1837.  
**[VIII/50]**  
*Wrapped with (b) below with a wrapper marked Norwich Yarn Co.  
Docketed "Has sent back the old piston to Soho. Will direct our account to be paid in London."*
- b.** Transcript of letter. D. Blake (Norwich) to Boulton Watt & Co. (Soho). 19 Oct. 1837.  
*Docketed "Remits £70.6.0 to settle our account with the Norwich Yarn Co. To be acknowledged by Mr. Chubb."*
- 72.** Transcript of letter. Reginald Blewitt (Llantarnam Abbey) to James Hunt [Brades]. 19 Nov. 1843.  
*Docketed "Is about to set up a steam engine and blowing machinery for making iron and wants a person to arrange the works for him."*
- 73.** Letter. William Blofield (11 St. John St., Clerkenwell) to Boulton Watt & Co. (Soho Foundry). 31 Aug. 1830.  
*Not dated – date taken from the docket. Docketed by William Creighton.  
Docketed "Asks price of castings."*
- 74.** Letter. William Blofield (Hosier Lane, Smithfield) to Boulton & Watt (Birmingham). 28 Apr. 1831.  
*Docketed "Asks our price for a boiler as described within. See Mr. Mosley's letter of 3<sup>rd</sup> May."*
- 75.** Letter. Bloxsome & Son (Dursley) to Boulton & Watt (Birmingham). 28 Dec. 1835.  
*Docketed by James Watt Jr. [?] On the same sheet:  
Memorandum. Proposed Terms for Settlement of the Claim of £42937 sought to be proved by Henry Hicks Esq. on the Estate of Hicks Brothers, Bankrupts. 23 Dec. 1835.  
Docketed "State the arrangement that has been entered into by the assignees and creditors of Hicks & Son for compromising the claims of the father Henry Hicks. Annex memorandum of assent for our signature."*
- 76.** Memorandum. Boddington & Co. (London). 10 Nov. 1843.  
*Docketed "Order a governor wheel."*
- 77.** Memorandum. Boddington & Co. (London). 13 Nov. 1843.  
*Docketed "Order articles for a West India engine."*
- 78.** Letter. Boddington & Co. (London) to Boulton Watt & Co. (Soho). 22 Nov. 1843.  
*Docketed "Have received governor wheel T<sup>G</sup>R and wish to have our account for it."*
- 79.** Letter. Mary Bodington per N. Bodington (Britannia Mill, Birmingham) to Gilbert Hamilton (Soho). 10 Aug. 1839.  
*Docketed "Offers a price for a 30 horse boat land engine."*

- 80.** Letter. Mary Bodington per N. Bodington (Britannia Flour Mills, Birmingham) to Gilbert Hamilton [Soho]. 24 Aug. 1839.  
*Docketed "Orders a 20 horse engine."*
- 81.** Letter. N. Bodington (Birmingham) to Gilbert Hamilton (Soho). 8 Aug. 1842.  
*Docketed "Asks us to show Mr. Lowe and his friends our works."*
- 82.** Letter. Mary Bodington [Birmingham] to Boulton Watt & Co. (Soho). 3 Jul. 1843.  
*Docketed "Wishes us to send men to repair one of the boilers to which Williams' patent smoke burning apparatus is being applied. 3 men sent 4 July 1843."*
- 83.** Letter. Mary Bodington per N. Bodington (Princess St., Birmingham) to Boulton Watt & Co. (Soho). 10 Jul. 1843.  
*Forwarded by Hamilton to Hollins Hunt at Soho Foundry.  
Docketed "Wants another of the boilers repaired."*
- 84.** Letter. Mary Bodington per N. Bodington (Princess St., Birmingham) to Gilbert Hamilton (Soho). 11 Dec. 1843.  
*Docketed "Wants a person to take dimensions for some brasses."*
- 85a.** Letter. Samuel Bollinger (Vienna) to Boulton Watt & Co. (Soho). 7 Jun. 1838.  
*Enclosing (b) below.  
Docketed "Orders two 14 horse boat boilers etc. To be sent to Mr. E. Clark. Wants estimate of their cost and time for completing them."*
- b.** Plans of the boilers Bollinger wants made.
- 86.** Letter. William Bolton (Birmingham) to William Buckle [Soho]. 7 Oct. 1835.  
*Docketed "Asks if we will supply him with a feedmouth etc. for his boiler."*
- 87.** Letter. William Bolton (Broad St., Birmingham) to Boulton & Watt Jrs. [Soho]. 10 Aug. 1837.  
*Docketed "Offers pine logs at 2/- per foot."*
- 88.** Note. James Boness (Manchester) to Boulton Watt & Co. [Soho]. 28 May 1833.  
*Docketed "Orders brasses for Thomas Houldsworth's 40 horse crank shaft."*
- 89.** Letter. John George Bonner (East India Co. Military Stores Office) to Boulton & Watt [Soho]. 19 Nov. 1842.  
*Docketed "One of the shear blades lately furnished is rejected, and another is wanted."*
- 90.** Letter. Josias Booker (Liverpool) to Boulton Watt & Co. (Soho Foundry). 17 Jun. 1837.  
*Docketed "Orders a cylinder etc. for a West India engine."*
- 91.** Letter. Josias Booker (Liverpool) to Boulton Watt & Co. (Soho). 7 Jul. 1837.  
*Docketed "Particulars of engine referred to in his late letter."*
- 92.** Letter. Josias Booker for Prosser Booker & Co. (Liverpool) to Boulton Watt & Co. [Soho]. 7 Aug. 1837.  
*Docketed "Have written to Hall McGarel & Co. but have gained no information about engine of Anna Regina Estate. Ask us to send their drawings to them by coach. An engineer from Demerara will call at Soho on the subject of their order."*
- 93.** Letter. George R. Booth (Hanley) to Boulton & Watt (Birmingham). 6 Jul. 1838.  
*Docketed "Offers to communicate an invention of a new power for steam engines."*

94. Letter. James Booth, Prof. of Mathematics (Liverpool College) to Boulton & Watt (Soho). 27 Oct. 1843.  
*Docketed "Has invented a new-fashioned steam engine which he wants us to assist him in introducing to the world."*
95. Letter. James Booth (Liverpool College) to Boulton & Watt (Birmingham). 1 Nov. 1843.  
*Docketed "Has sent us a model of his patent engine."*
96. Sketch. Bordesley Steel Co. (French Walls). 9 Dec. 1834.  
*Docketed "Order a wrought iron hoop or belt."*
97. Letter. T. W. & B. Botfield per M. Tipton (Old Park Ironworks) to Boulton Watt & Co. (Soho). 26 Aug. 1831.  
*Docketed "Mr. Gilpin's chain manufactory is carried on by Robert Horton. Recommend the chains made by the executors of the late William Lewis of Dawley."*
98. Letter. T. W. & B. Botfield per George Bishton (Old Park Ironworks) to Boulton Watt & Co. (Soho). 27 Jul. 1837.  
*Docketed "Agree to the terms proposed in our last for settling our account with them. Think they should have been advised that the iron was not what it should have been."*
99. Memorandum. Richard Bottrell (London). Circa 11 Aug. 1837.  
*Docketed "Wants particulars of engine etc. of the Portsmouth & Farlington Water Works."*
100. Memorandum. H. Bourne of London, at Birmingham. 12 Jun. 1830.  
*Docketed by William Creighton.*  
*Docketed "Asks price of 8 horse engine."*
101. Letter. L. Bouverie (Grand Junction Canal Office, Surrey St., London) to Boulton Watt & Co. [Soho]. 31 May 1838.  
*Docketed "We are not to proceed with repairs to the Grand Junction engine at Braunston till further orders."*
102. Memorandum. Mr. — Bower (Sloane Square, Chelsea) at Soho. 6 Sep. 1841.  
*Docketed "Wants estimate of a 20 horse engine."*
103. Letter. M. Bower (2 Newhall St., Birmingham) to James Watt Jr. (Aston Hall). 8 Jan. 1836.  
*Docketed by James Watt Jr.*  
*Docketed "Wishes to exhibit an invention for which he has obtained a patent."*
104. Letter. Antony Bracco (Northfleet) to William Pitcher [London]. 20 Apr. 1842.  
*Docketed "Wants further information about bleaching cotton and linen goods."*
105. Memorandum. Chevalier A<sup>e</sup>. Bracco, Capitaine de Frégate (7 Clifton, Marine Parade, Gravesend). 2 Aug. 1842.  
*Docketed "Wants estimate of lathes and other machinery for a workshop."*
106. Letter. John Bradley & Co. per James Foster (Stourbridge Iron Works) to Boulton Watt & Co. (Soho). 4 Oct. 1843.  
*Docketed "Wants some explanations about the rolling mill for which we want his estimate."*
107. Letter. John Bradley & Co. per James Foster (Stourbridge Iron Works) to Boulton Watt & Co. (Soho). 9 Oct. 1843.  
*Docketed "Tender for a rolling mill for copper."*

108. Letter. John Bradshaw (5 York Place, Pentonville) to Boulton & Watt (Birmingham). 19 Sep. 1836.  
*On the same sheet:*  
Specification & sketch of the engine required.  
*Docketed "Wants estimate of a 6 horse engine etc."*
109. Letter. John Braithwaite per William Braithwaite (New Road, Fitzroy Square, London) to Boulton & Watt [Soho]. 6 May 1828.  
*Docketed by William Creighton. Docketed "Asks price of 14 horse engine for Mr. Ramsbottom of Windsor."*
110. Letter. William Thomas Brande (Royal Mint) to James Brown (13 London St.). 28 Feb. 1840.  
*Docketed "Waits for the 6 horse engine for the Royal Mint."*
111. Letter. Thomas Bridgett & Co. (Derby) to Boulton Watt & Co. (Soho). 24 Aug. 1842.  
*Docketed "Their boilers have cracked in the bottom. Their boiler maker makes difficulties about repairing them. Ask our advice."*
112. Letter. W. R. Bridgman (King's Lynn) to Boulton & Watt (Birmingham). 4 May 1841.  
*Docketed "Ask if we make an apparatus for bottling and corking soda water."*
113. Letter. Bristolian Bread Association (4 All Saints St., Bristol) to Boulton & Watt (Birmingham). 26 Sep. 1829.  
*Signed by Henry Tripp [?], Chairman, and George Essex, Secretary to the Sub-Committee. Docketed by William Creighton. Docketed "Ask terms for a 20 horse engine."*
114. Letter. British Plate Glass Co. per Edward Wilson (Union Place, Blackfriars) to Boulton Watt & Co. (Soho). 31 Aug. 1843.  
*Docketed "Want estimate of expense of converting a 40 into a 50 horse engine at Ravenhead and the price of a 15 horse engine erected there."*
115. Letter. British Plate Glass Co. per Frederick Fincham (Ravenhead) to Boulton Watt & Co. (Soho). 4 Sep. 1843.  
*Not dated – date taken from the docket. Docketed "The engine to be altered is 30, not 40 horse. Wishes our estimate to be sent in tomorrow."*
116. Letter. British Plate Glass Co. per Frederick Fincham (Ravenhead) to Boulton Watt & Co. [Soho]. 24 Nov. 1843.  
*Docketed "Think their fly wheel is too small and want estimate of a new one."*
117. Letter. British Plate Glass Co. per Edward Wilson (Union Place, Blackfriars) to Boulton Watt & Co. (Soho). 13 Dec. 1843.  
*Docketed "Leave the subject of their fly wheel to Mr. Fincham's decision but they are disposed to prefer loading their present one to having a new one."*
118. Letter. Nicholas Broadmead (Langport) to Boulton Watt & Co. [Soho]. 23 Jan. 1829.  
*Docketed by William Creighton. Docketed "Enquires prices of engines for draining."*

119. Letter. J. & T. Brocklehurst (Macclesfield) to Boulton & Watt (Birmingham). 15 Nov. 1839.  
*Docketed "Want estimate of a 20 horse or 25 horse independent engine."*
120. Letter. M. Brodie (Stroudwater) to Boulton Watt & Co. [Soho]. 19 Apr. 1842.  
*Docketed "Has purchased Mr. Wyatt's 20 horse boat engine of Vatch Mills. Asks how many turns it should make."*
121. Printed order note. William Broomhead (43 Great Charles St., Birmingham) to James Watt & Co. (Soho). 10 Nov. 1841.  
*Docketed "Orders 8 reams of copying paper."*
122. Printed order note. William Broomhead (43 Great Charles St., Birmingham) to James Watt & Co. (Soho). 14 Dec. 1841.  
*Docketed "Orders a copying machine."*
123. Transcript of letter. George Brown (Wotton-under-Edge) to Boulton Watt & Co. [Soho]. 5 Dec. 1837.  
*Docketed "Directs us to draw on Mr. Henry Beavan for £32.8.0. at 3 months. Original to Mr. Chubb."*
124. Letter. James Brown (25 Jewry St., London) to James Watt Jr. [Soho]. 11 Feb. 1829.  
*Docketed by James Watt Jr.*  
*Docketed "Experiments made at St. Katherine's Dock on 13 Dec. to fill the lock both from the basin and engine. Also experiment of 10<sup>th</sup> Feb."*
125. Memorandum. John Brown, Iron Merchant (Dowgate Iron Wharf, Upper Thames St., London). 30 Aug. 1842.  
*Docketed "Orders articles for a 6 horse West India engine."*
126. Letter. H. I. Browne (Newspaper Office, Russell Place, Old Kent Rd., London) to Boulton & Watt (Soho). 26 Jan. 1833.  
*Docketed "Wants estimate of a 4 horse engine for a paper mill and of 4 presses, and other apparatus, for the same."*
127. Letter. J. S. Browning (Oxford) to Boulton & Watt (Soho). 2 Jan. 1835.  
*Docketed "Wants an engine to drive 2 pairs of grindstones for a corn mill. Asks if an 8 horse engine would be sufficient. Asks for information as the best construction of engines, price etc."*
128. Letter. Isambard Kingdom Brunel (Liverpool) to Boulton Watt & Co. [Soho]. 6 Aug. 1836.  
*Docketed "Wishes to consult Boulton Watt & Co. about locomotive engines. Proposes to call at Soho about 7 or 6 o'clock on Monday."*
129. Letter. Thomas Brutton, Governor (County Prison, Stafford) to James Watt Jr. (Soho). 2 Jul. 1829.  
*Docketed by James Watt Jr.*  
*Docketed "Required by the Secretary of State to certify as to the character of Thomas Acton convicted of felony in 1827. Attempt making to get the remainder of his sentence remitted."*
130. Letter. William Buckle (Trinity Square, London) to Gilbert Hamilton [Soho?]. 23 Aug. 1842.  
*Docketed "Has not been able to settle his father's affairs, but talks of returning to Soho tomorrow."*

- 131.** Letter. John Busby (Dublin) to Boulton Watt & Co. (Soho). 19 Aug. 1839.  
*Docketed "Encloses bills for £1282.2.2. Acknowledged by G. H. [Gilbert Hamilton]."*
- 132.** Letter. Bush & Beddoe (Bristol) to Boulton Watt & Co. [Soho]. 9 Sep. 1842.  
*Docketed "Can execute our order and forward it early next week."*