

**MS 3147/3/453**  
**MISCELLANEOUS GENERAL CORRESPONDENCE DEALT WITH IN**  
**THE DRAWING OFFICE 1829—1843**

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- 1a.** Memorandum. Sack Werninck & Co. (19 Trinity Square, London) – A Steam Engine for driving a Chipping Mill. 14 Oct. 1834.  
*Kept with (b) below.*  
*Docketed “Ask the price and other information respecting an 8 horse engine to be erected at Hamburg. Answer wanted on Friday.”*
- b.** Note of Henry Wright’s time charged to Van Lelyveld & Co. in May 1834.
- 2.** Letter. Salmon Gough & Brown (Birmingham) to Boulton Watt & Co. [Soho]. 12 Oct. 1829.  
*Docketed by William Creighton.*  
*Docketed “Ask price of a brass cylinder for strong steam.”*
- 3.** Letter. S. K. Salting (6 Warford Court, Throgmorton St., London) to Boulton & Watt (Soho). 15 Jul. 1829.  
*Docketed by William Creighton. On the same sheet:*  
Letter. A. F. Stonebridge [13 London St.] to William Creighton. 15 Jul. 1829.  
Transcript of extract of letter. ? (Copenhagen) to S. K. Salting [London]. 23 Jun. 1829.  
*Docketed “Asks price of a 10 horse engine for Copenhagen.”*
- 4a.** Letter. Sandbach Tinné & Co. (Liverpool) to Boulton & Watt [Soho]. 13 Nov. 1834.  
*Enclosing (b) below.*  
*Docketed “Enclose list of articles required for engine and mill of Plantation Coffee Grove, Demerara. Ask if we will prepare the parts – our price – and time for completion.”*
- b.** List of items required. By William Easton, Engineer (British Guiana). 2 Aug. 1834.  
*On the same sheet:*  
Sketches of roller case, metallic piston and air pump.
- 5.** Letter. Sandbach Tinné & Co. (Liverpool) to Boulton & Watt (Birmingham). 19 Nov. 1834.  
*Docketed “Reply to our letter of 17<sup>th</sup> inst. about articles ordered for Coffee Grove Estate.”*
- 6.** Letter. Sandbach Tinné & Co. (Liverpool) to Boulton & Watt [Soho]. 27 Nov. 1834.  
*Docketed “Wish us to proceed with the articles for Plantation Coffee Grove. Directions for forwarding them etc.”*
- 7.** Letter. J. C. Saunder (Ordnance Office, Pall Mall, London) to Boulton & Watt (Birmingham). 3 Dec. 1832.  
*Docketed “Applies for the situation of cashier at Soho for his brother.”*
- 8.** Letter. John Saunders (Sydney) to Boulton & Watt (Soho). 7 Aug. 1839.  
*Docketed “Suggests the use of carbonic acid gas and friction to produce a moving power.”*
- 9.** Letter. John Saunders (Sydney) to Boulton & Watt (Soho). 16 Aug. 1839.  
*Docketed “Scheme for using carbonic acid gas for motive power.”*

10. Letter. William Savory (Painswick) to Richard Blood (6 Ann St., Birmingham). 29 Oct. 1833.  
*Docketed "Requests Mr. Richard Blood of Birmingham to enquire the cost of 20 horse engines."*
- 11a. Letter. William Sayce (Kington) to James Watt Jr. (Aston Hall). 16 Mar. 1840.  
*Docketed by James Watt Jr. Enclosing (b) below.*  
*Docketed "Communication respecting anthracite coal. , being the report of Messrs. Parkes & Manby 30 January 1840, respecting its performance in Player's patent furnace."*
- b. Cutting of Josiah Parkes and Charles Manby's report from ?.
12. Letter. Mr. — Schizerer (Swan Hotel, Birmingham) to James Watt Jr. [Aston Hall]. 31 Jan. 1838.  
*Docketed by James Watt Jr.*  
*Docketed "Cannot breakfast with Mr. Watt tomorrow; but will call on his return from his journey in about a fortnight."*
13. Letter. Joshua Scholefield (Edgbaston Grove) to James Watt Jr. (Aston Hall). 9 Oct. 1831.  
*Docketed "With a letter from Marryat & Sons requiring an immediate reply."*
14. Letter. Archdeacon — Scott [Birmingham] to Boulton & Watt [Soho]. 23 Aug. 1831.  
*Docketed "Applies for leave to see the Manufactory."*
15. Letter. James Seaber (Newmarket) to Boulton Watt & Co. [Soho]. 14 Apr. 1831.  
*Docketed "Commissioners of Soham or Middle Fen want estimate of a 60 horse boat engine. Not answered – see letter to Mr. Mylne 19<sup>th</sup> April and his letter of 23 ditto."*
16. Memorandum (in French). Ernest Seilliere (6 George Yard, Lombard St., London). 16 Oct. 1840.  
*Not dated – date taken from the docket.*  
*Docketed "Enquiries respecting an hydraulic ram for his works in Alsace."*
17. Sketch. John Shakespear (Soho) – Steam Pipe for Mold. 9 May 1836.  
*Docketed "Orders a steam pipe for Mold Cotton Mill."*
18. Transcript of letter. Boulton Watt & Co. (Soho) to William Bennett (Manchester). 17 Sep. 1836.  
*Docketed as John Shakespear.*  
*Marked "Returned to Soho by John Shakespear with dimensions figured about 20 May 1836." Docketed "Sends dimensions of lever for Thomas Trueman & Co., Mold."*
19. Letter. John Shakespear (Bristol) to Gilbert Hamilton [Soho]. 2 Nov. 1838.  
*On the same sheet:*  
Sketch plan of a cistern.  
*Docketed "Sends dimensions of cistern of Clarke Maze & Co.'s 20 horse engine."*
20. Letter. Sharp Roberts & Co. (Manchester) to Boulton Watt & Co. (Soho). 19 Jun. 1841.  
*Docketed "Will require 2 months to prepare our paring machine."*
21. Letter. Sharp Roberts & Co. (Manchester) to Boulton Watt & Co. (Soho). 16 Sep. 1841.  
*Docketed "Have received our bill for £246.3.0."*

22. Letter. James Shears & Sons (Bankside, London) to James Brown [13 London St.]. 1 Apr. 1839.  
*Docketed "Price of copper plates for boilers."*
23. Letter. James Shears & Sons (27 Bankside, London) to Boulton Watt & Co. (1 London St.). 7 May 1839.  
*Docketed "Price of copper sheathing."*
24. Letter. James Shears & Sons (London) to Boulton Watt & Co. (Soho). 14 Jul. 1842.  
*Docketed "Can prepare the copper worm in a fortnight."*
25. Letter. James Shears & Sons (London) to Boulton Watt & Co. (Soho). 2 Aug. 1842.  
*Docketed "Expect to send off the copper worm pipe on Thursday or Friday."*
26. Letter. Joseph & Thomas Shee (London) to Boulton & Watt (Birmingham). 25 Aug. 1832.  
*Docketed "Want estimate of a 14 horse engine to be erected at Cork. Also the cost of a second boiler for ditto."*
27. Letter. George Shelton (Birmingham) to Boulton & Watt (Soho). 14 Jul. 1837.  
*Docketed "Asks cause of withdrawal of Soho orders. Solicits future favours."*
28. Letter. George Shelton (Birmingham) to Gilbert Hamilton [Soho]. 28 Mar. 1839.  
*Docketed "Result of their enquiries after shear legs for us."*
29. Letter. George Shelton (Birmingham) to Gilbert Hamilton [Soho]. 1 Apr. 1839.  
*Docketed "Cannot procure such shear legs as we require. Ask if such as they can get will suit us."*
30. Letter. John Shelton & Co. (Birmingham) to Boulton Watt & Co. [Soho]. 16 Feb. 1835.  
*Docketed "Want price of a 20 and 30 horse engine."*
31. Printed order note. Shenstone & Mills (53 Caroline St., Birmingham) to Boulton Watt & Co. (Soho). 21 Jun. 1842.  
*Docketed "Order copying ink."*
32. Letter. George Sherriff (St. Petersburg) to Boulton & Watt (Soho). 15 Dec. 1833.  
*Docketed "Wants estimates of engines for a gentleman in Sweden and Finland."*
33. Letter. James Shipton (Wolverhampton) to Boulton Watt & Co. [Soho]. 5 Nov. 1842.  
*Docketed "Wishes us to take his son into our employment."*
34. Letter. James Shipton (Wolverhampton) to Boulton Watt & Co. [Soho]. 17 Dec. 1842.  
*Docketed "Hopes to hear from us on the subject of employing his son."*
35. Letter. George Shore (Bristol) to Boulton & Watt [Soho]. 13 May 1835.  
*Docketed "Asks price of a 14 or 16 horse engine, and time for completing it."*
- 36a. Memorandum. Short & Co. (35 Fenchurch St., London). 20 Sep. 1831.  
*With (b) below.*
- b. Wrapper for the above memorandum.  
*Docketed "Ask the cost of corn mill and steam engine to work it of 3 sizes and other information relative to the same."*

37. Letter. William Shotton (Dingle, Liverpool) to Boulton & Watt (Soho). 8 Aug. 1832.  
*Docketed "Sends copy of a letter from Fairlie Clark Innes & Co. introducing him to us. Fairlie Clark Innes & Co. ask about state of forwardness of the lathe for Calcutta oil mill."*
38. Letter. Sicard & Co. (Naples) to Boulton & Watt (Soho). 5 Jun. 1838.  
*Docketed "Want information about a corn mill etc. Refer us to Baring Bros. Not answered."*
39. Letter. Thomas G. Simcox (Smethwick) to Gilbert Hamilton (Soho). 17 Feb. 1843.  
*Docketed "Asks us to attend a meeting at his house on the subject of the distress of the manufacturing classes."*
40. Letter. George Sime (North Berwick) to Boulton Watt & Co. (Soho). 3 May 1835.  
*Docketed "Offers us an invention for making bricks."*
- 41a. Letter. James Simpson (Chelsea Water Works, Pimlico) to Boulton Watt & Co. [Soho]. 21 Aug. 1835.  
*Enclosing (b) below.*  
*Docketed "Want estimate of an engine with boilers and pump for Chelsea Water Works. Not answered."*
- b. Memorandum. Specification of Sundry Engine Work required by the Chelsea Water Works Company for their Works at Thames Bank, Chelsea. 21 Aug. 1835.  
*For a 65 inch single engine, 2 boilers, pump, spares etc.*
- 42a. Letter. James Simpson (33 Great George St., Westminster) to Boulton Watt & Co. [Soho]. 15 Feb. 1842.  
*Enclosing (b) below.*  
*Docketed "To examine drawing and specification and to send in a tender for executing the pump work etc. required for the Chelsea Water Works."*
- b. Memorandum. Specification of Pump Work and Castings required by the Governor and Company of Chelsea Water Works at their Works, Thames Bank, Pimlico, agreeably with the accompanying Drawings marked CWW Nos. 1 & 2. 3 Feb. 1842. 6 pages.
43. Letter. James Simpson [Westminster] to Boulton Watt & Co. [Soho]. 22 Feb. 1842.  
*Docketed "Sends tracing of pump work referred to in his letter of 15 Feb. Tracings to be returned."*
44. Transcript of letter. Sims Tildasley & Co. (Soho) to Boulton Watt & Co. (Soho). 25 Feb. 1829.  
*Docketed by William Creighton.*  
*Docketed "Order parts of a 40 horse engine. Alteration to complete 60 horse. Alteration back to 40 horse in old house."*
45. Memorandum. Sims Tildasley & Co. 30 Mar. 1829.  
*Docketed by William Creighton.*  
*Docketed "Engine to have a new house and 2 boilers – 20 horse and apparatus. Further particulars April 28."*
46. Letter. Sims Tildasley & Co. (Birmingham) to Boulton Watt & Co. [Soho]. 14 Jul. 1830.  
*Docketed by William Creighton.*  
*Docketed "Ask if Boulton & Watt can undertake the erection of their 40 horse engine."*

47. Letter. Sims Tildasley & Co. [Birmingham] to Hollins Hunt (Soho Foundry). 18 May 1833.  
*Not dated – date taken from the docket.*  
*Docketed “Ask the value of the boilers and apparatus of their 40 horse engine. Diameter of cylinder and length of stroke etc.”*
48. Memorandum. John Sinclair (Canal Office, Coventry). 19 Apr. 1836.  
*Docketed “Want estimate of a pumping engine for the Coventry Canal and of a 20 horse engine for the Coventry Steam Power Co.”*
49. Letter. Richard Skinner (East Teignmouth) to Boulton Watt & Co. [Soho]. 6 Mar. 1834.  
*Docketed “Wants information about a steam engine for a corn mill.”*
50. Letter. Charles Skipper & East (1 St. Dunstan’s Hill, London) to Boulton Watt & Co. (Soho). 7 Mar. 1842.  
*Docketed “Complain greatly of the quality of the copying ink. Their house abroad intends returning what they have. Wish for a small quantity as a sample of our present ink; which if not good they must look elsewhere for their supply.”*
- 51a. Letter. Charles Skipper & East (1 St. Dunstan’s Hill, London) to Boulton Watt & Co. (Soho). 8 Mar. 1842.  
*Enclosing (b) below.*  
*“Docketed “Return invoice of copying ink, and ask if we can inform them of any way of rendering serviceable that which has been already sent.”*  
*The letter is marked “Note. 2 pints of water were added to 6 pints of the ink complained of by Messrs. J. W. & G. Whately, after which it was understood to be approved of.”*
- b. Letter. William Lloyd for Boulton Watt & Co. (Soho) to Charles Skipper & East [London]. 5 Mar. 1842.  
*On the same sheet:*  
Invoice for 21 gallons of copying ink.
52. Letter. Charles Skipper & East (1 St. Dunstan’s Hill, London) to Boulton Watt & Co. (Soho). 21 Mar. 1842.  
*Docketed “Order a supply of copying ink.”*
53. Letter. Charles Skipper & East (1 St. Dunstan’s Hill, London) to Boulton Watt & Co. (Soho). 1 Aug. 1842.  
*Docketed “Order the usual supply of copying ink.”*
54. Letter. Archibald Slate (Castle Mills) to Gilbert Hamilton [Soho]. 13 Jan. 1841.  
*Docketed “For Lord Dudley’s Trustees. Directions about parts for the repair of the Nelson engine.”*
55. Letter. Archibald Slate (Castle Mills) to Gilbert Hamilton (Soho). 22 Feb. 1841.  
*Docketed “Sends template and sketch of cylinder standplate for the Nelson engine. The working gear for that engine to be provided with a safety catch for the equilibrium valve and cataract. The boiler for Barrow Hill is much wanted. Particulars of the charge, or proportions of ironstone etc. for the Coneygree furnace. Has cast the main lever for the Nelson engine – is in want of main gudgeon and plumber blocks.”*
56. Diagram. By Archibald Slate, at Soho. 17 Apr. 1841.  
*Docketed “Length of piston rod for the Nelson Colliery engine.”*

- 57.** Letter. Walter Sleigh (35 Henry St., Woolwich) to Gilbert Hamilton [?] [Soho]. 28 May 1842.  
*Docketed "Complains that his son is not learning his trade at Soho Foundry. Solicits a change in his employment."*
- 58a.** Letter. Small Colquhoun & Co. (8 Old Jewry, London) to Boulton Watt & Co. (Soho). 19 Jan. 1836.  
*With (b) below attached.*  
*Docketed "Order a 6 foot spur wheel for the 14 horse engine made for Rickards Mackintosh & Co. Will be glad to hear if we can make it."*
- b.** Duplicate of letter. James Kyd (Calcutta) to Boulton & Watt (Soho). 20 Aug. 1835.
- 59.** Letter. Small Colquhoun & Co. (8 Old Jewry, London) to Boulton Watt & Co. (Soho). 26 Feb. 1836.  
*Docketed "Enquire after articles ordered by them on the 19<sup>th</sup> January."*
- 60a.** Letter. Small Colquhoun & Co. (8 Old Jewry, London) to Boulton Watt & Co. (18 London St.). 25 Jun. 1842.  
*With (b) below attached.*  
*Docketed "Want estimate of sugar mill rolls etc."*
- b.** Memorandum. Note for Mr. Durocher for a new set of Cane Rollers without wrought iron shafts. By John Geary, engineer (Pamplemousses). 25 Nov. 1841.
- 61.** Letter (printed circular). Charles Smith & Son (Birmingham) to James Watt Jr. (Aston Hall). 15 Jul. 1834.  
*Docketed by James Watt Jr.*  
*Docketed "Have succeeded to the business of Standley & Smith, locksmiths etc."*
- 62.** Letter. Henry Smith (Burton on Trent) to Boulton & Watt (Soho). 26 Oct. 1835.  
*Docketed "Wants estimate of boat engines."*
- 63.** Sketch. Henry Smith & Co. (West Bromwich) – Sketch of cranks which they wish us to bore and polish for them. 27 Jul. 1841.
- 64.** Letter. Henry Smith & Co. per G. Haddon (Vulcan Forge, West Bromwich) to Boulton Watt & Co. (Soho). 28 Jul. 1841.  
*Docketed "Will communicate the contents of our letter to their friends etc."*
- 65a.** Letter. Henry Smith (Vulcan Forge, West Bromwich) to Gilbert Hamilton (Soho). 30 Dec. 1842.  
*Wrapped in (b) below.*  
*On the same sheet:*  
Transcript of memorandum. Specification of the engines required.
- b.** Wrapper for the above letter.  
*Docketed "Wants estimate of boat engines."*
- 66.** Letter. John Smith (Elmhurst) to Gilbert Hamilton [?] [Soho]. 18 Jul. 1834.  
*Docketed "Thomas Edwards is not authorised to order an engine for him."*

67. Letter. John Smith Sr. (Clarence Railway Office, Stockton) to Boulton & Watt [Soho]. 1 Jun. 1831.  
*Docketed "Ask the terms on which we will supply the Clarence Railway Co. with a locomotive engine, in compliance with the conditions stated within. Time of delivery and other particulars asked for."*
68. Memorandum. For Oswald Smith & Co. – Articles required for the repairs of Parnassus Estate 10 horse power Steam Engine. 7 May 1829.  
*Also dated 17 & 18 Jul. 1829. Docketed by William Creighton.  
Docketed "Order articles for Parnassus Estate." Signed by William Murdock.*
69. Memorandum & Sketch. For Oswald Smith & Co. – Articles required for the repairs of Sutton Pasture Estate 8 horse power Steam Engine. 16 May 1829.  
*Also dated 18 Jul. 1829. Docketed by William Creighton.  
Docketed "Order 8 horse articles for Sutton Pasture Estate Jamaica." Signed by William Murdock.*
- 70a-c. 3 small memoranda. Oswald Smith & Co. 15 Aug. 1830.  
*Docketed by William Creighton.  
Docketed "Send 3 West India Orders."*
71. Memoranda and Sketches. Oswald Smith & Co., London. 6 Sep. 1831. 2 sheets.  
*Both sheets are signed by William Murdock.  
Docketed "Forwarded by Mr. Mosley. Order articles for the West Indies, say Jamaica. For Parnassus Estate, a boiler 12 horse, section 12 feet long and sundry duplicates, fire bricks, fire clay etc. For Sutton Pasture Estate, boiler same dimensions as above, with fire apparatus, sundry duplicates, fire bricks, fire clay etc."*
72. Letter. Oswald Smith & Co. [London] to Boulton Watt & Co. (Soho). 9 Sep. 1831.  
*Docketed "Goods ordered by them are required to be in London by the end of October."*
- 73a. Letter. John Mosley [London] to Boulton Watt & Co. (Soho). 3 Oct. 1831.  
*With (b)–(d) below attached.  
Docketed "Oswald Smith & Co. wish us to examine the enclosed lists of articles for West Indies estates, and to forward such parts as have not been included in their former orders. Wanted in London by 20<sup>th</sup>."*
- b. Memorandum. Articles required for the repairs of Sutton Pasture Estate 8 horse power Steam Engine. 11 May 1831.  
*Signed by William Murdock.*
- c. Memorandum. Oswald Smith & Co. – order for a boiler.
- d. Memorandum. Oswald Smith & Co. – order for a boiler, 6 piston rods, 6 air pumps etc.
74. Note. Oswald Smith & Co. [London] to Boulton & Watt (—). 22 Mar. 1832.  
*On the same sheet:  
Memorandum. Plantation Affiance – Edward Bratt, engineer. 26 Sep. 1831.  
Docketed "Order articles for a West India engine."*
75. Letter. Oswald Smith & Co. [London] to Boulton Watt & Co. [Soho]. 24 Apr. 1832.  
*Docketed "Ask when they may expect the articles ordered by them."*

- 76a-c.** 3 small memoranda. Oswald Smith & Co., Mansion House Place, London. 28 Sep. 1832.  
*Docketed "Order articles to repair Sutton Pasture Estate 8 horse engine mark H<sup>V</sup>D. Also for Parnassus Estate 10 horse engine, mark HPD. And for engine marked BC.*
- 77.** Memorandum. Oswald Smith & Co., Mansion House Place, London. 15 Nov. 1832.  
*Docketed "Order articles for a West India engine."*
- 78.** Letter. Oswald Smith & Co. [London] to Boulton Watt & Co. (Soho). 14 Aug. 1833.  
*Docketed "Enquire after articles ordered by them some time ago."*
- 79.** Memorandum. Oswald Smith & Co., Mansion House Place, London. 8 Oct. 1834.  
*Docketed "Order articles for an 8 horse engine."*
- 80.** Memorandum. Oswald Smith & Co., Mansion House Place, London. 28 Jan. 1835.  
*Docketed "Order articles for 12 horse engine of Plantation Affiance."*
- 81a.** Memorandum. Oswald Smith & Co., Mansion House Place, London. 19 Mar. 1835.  
*With (b) below attached.*  
*Docketed "Ask the price of a ten horse engine and 14 horse boiler."*
- b.** Sketch. Water pipe.
- 82.** Letter. Oswald Smith & Co. per R. Catlin (2 Mansion House Place, London) to Boulton Watt & Co. (13 London St.). 3 Sep. 1835.  
*On the same sheet:*  
Memorandum and sketch ordering 10 horse engine and pipes.  
*The memorandum and sketch are duplicates of the two items above.*  
*Docketed "Order a ten horse engine and 14 horse boiler. Ask when they can be ready to forward."*
- 83.** Letter. Oswald Smith & Co. (2 Mansion House Place, London) to Boulton Watt & Co. [Soho]. 19 Sep. 1835.  
*Docketed "Want particulars of the 10 horse engine preparing for them."*
- 84.** Letter. James Brown [13 London St.] to Boulton Watt & Co. (Soho). 25 Sep. 1835.  
*Docketed as Oswald Smith & Co. On the same sheet:*  
Memorandum. Articles required for Oswald Smith & Co.  
*Docketed "Order articles for West India engines. Give mark for 10 horse engine and wish it could be in London by 20 Oct."*
- 85.** Letter. Richard Smith for the Trustees of the late Earl of Dudley (Mines Office, Dudley) to Boulton & Watt [Soho]. 16 Dec. 1840.  
*Docketed "Orders articles to repair the Nelson pumping engine near Dudley."*
- 86.** Letter. Richard Smith (Mines Office, Dudley) to Boulton & Watt [Soho]. 30 Dec. 1840.  
*On the same sheet:*  
Sketch of a new air pump.  
*Docketed "Orders an air pump for the Nelson Colliery engine."*
- 87.** Letter. Richard Smith (Dudley) to Gilbert Hamilton [?] [Soho]. 22 Feb. 1841.  
*Docketed "Mr. Best will call at the French Walls on Thursday."*
- 88.** Memorandum. Richard Smith (Dudley) at Soho. 23 Mar. 1841.  
*Docketed "Wants estimate of a 48 inch blowing engine etc."*



89. Letter. Richard Smith (Mines Office, Dudley) to Gilbert Hamilton (Soho). 8 May 1841.  
*Docketed "Wants an opinion upon the dimensions of a fly wheel supplied by Mr. Lester to the Trustees of the Late Earl of Dudley."*
90. Letter. Richard Smith (Mines Office, Dudley) to Boulton Watt & Co. (Soho Foundry). 5 Apr. 1842.  
*Docketed "Accepts our countermand for iron. Explains why it was not sent in. Will provide a supply for us at next quarter's prices."*
91. Letter. Richard Smith (Dudley) to Gilbert Hamilton [?] [Soho]. 15 Apr. 1842.  
*Docketed "Gives the weight of the hammers at the Vulcan Forge."*
92. Letter. Richard Smith (Mines Office, Dudley) to Boulton Watt & Co. [Soho]. 7 May 1842.  
*Docketed "Acknowledges our order for iron."*
93. Letter. Richard Smith (Mines Office, Dudley) to Henry Wollaston Blake (Soho). 8 Oct. 1842.  
*Docketed by Henry Wollaston Blake.*  
*Docketed "Particulars of blast engine at Congreve Iron Works."*
- 94a. Letter. Thomas Smith (4 Guest St., Hockley) to Boulton & Watt (Soho). 21 Nov. 1837.  
*Kept with (b) below. Docketed by James Watt Jr. With (b) below.*  
*Docketed "Offers his son as an apprentice in our Drawing Office."*
- b. Memorandum re. Smith wanting an interview with James Watt Jr.
95. Letter. Timothy Smith & Sons per J. Bynner [?] [Birmingham] to Boulton Watt & Co. (Soho). 29 Mar. 1842.  
*Docketed "Are preparing wood patterns of lubricators which they will submit to our inspection."*
96. Letter. Timothy Smith & Sons per J. Bynner [?] [Birmingham] to Boulton Watt & Co. [Soho]. 29 Mar. 1842.  
*Docketed by Henry Wollaston Blake.*  
*Docketed "Does not intend the patterns they are making for the lubricators for us, but for himself."*
97. Letter. Timothy Smith & Sons (Birmingham) to Boulton Watt & Co. (Soho). 3 Jan. 1843.  
*Docketed "Cannot finish the lubricators before the 10<sup>th</sup>."*
98. Letter. Timothy Smith & Sons per J. Bynner [?] [Birmingham] to Boulton Watt & Co. [Soho]. 12 Jan. 1843.  
*Docketed "Cannot finish lubricators for Burnt Fen before tomorrow."*
99. Letter. W. J. Smith (Dublin & London Steam Marine Co. Office, 16 John St., Crutched Friars, London) to Boulton Watt & Co. (Soho). 19 Apr. 1832.  
*Docketed "Wants to apprentice a boy to a manufacturing engineer. Asks if Boulton & Watt will take him." Marked "He is distantly related to Mr. Brown."*
100. Letter. Smith Elder & Co. per William Webster (65 Cornhill, London) to Gilbert Hamilton [?] (—). 5 Apr. 1842.  
*Docketed "Order ink powders."*

- 101.** Letter. Smith & Hawkes (Eagle Foundry, Birmingham) to Boulton Watt & Co. (Soho). 10 Oct. 1842.  
*Docketed by Henry Wollaston Blake.*  
*Docketed "Their price for two of Brunton's feeding apparatus etc. will be £200."*
- 102.** Letter. Smith & Hawkes (Eagle Foundry, Birmingham) to Boulton Watt & Co. (Soho). 11 Oct. 1842.  
*Docketed by Henry Wollaston Blake.*  
*Docketed "Will make two of Brunton's feeding apparatus for £180 and less if possible."*
- 103.** Letter. Smith & Hawkes (Eagle Foundry, Birmingham) to Boulton Watt & Co. (Soho). 18 Oct. 1842.  
*Docketed by Henry Wollaston Blake.*  
*Docketed "Ask whether a provision must be made so that each supplementary boiler for the Bank may be worked independently of the others."*
- 104.** Letter. Smith & Hawkes (Eagle Foundry, Birmingham) to Boulton Watt & Co. (Soho). 20 Oct. 1842.  
*Docketed "Send drawing of Brunton's feeding apparatus for Bank of England boilers as they are making them for us."*
- 105.** Letter. Smith & Hawkes (Eagle Foundry, Birmingham) to Boulton Watt & Co. (Soho). 15 Dec. 1842.  
*Docketed "Feeding apparatus for the Bank of England will be finished next week."*
- 106.** Letter. Smith & Hawkes (Eagle Foundry, Birmingham) to Boulton Watt & Co. (Soho). 4 Jan. 1843.  
*Docketed "Explain cause of delay in sending us the fire regulators for Bank of England."*
- 107a.** Letter. Smith & Hawkes (Eagle Foundry, Birmingham) to Boulton Watt & Co. (Soho Foundry). 11 Jan. 1843.  
*Enclosing (b) below. Forwarded to the Drawing Office at Soho.*  
*Docketed "Point out a few alterations of dimensions made in the execution of the fire regulators for the Bank of England."*
- b.** Sketch. Fire regulators for the Bank of England.
- 108.** Letter. Smith & Hawkes (Eagle Foundry, Birmingham) to Boulton Watt & Co. (Soho). 6 Feb. 1843.  
*Docketed "Send a drawing of their regulating feed apparatus for Bank of England boilers."*
- 109a.** Printed order note. The Soho Plate Co. per Thomas Remmett to Boulton & Watt. 19 May 1835.  
*Wrapped in (b) below.*
- b.** Wrapper for the above order note.  
*Docketed "Want their shaving machine repaired."*
- 110a.** Printed order note. The Soho Plate Co. per T. Aston to Boulton Watt & Co. 5 Mar. 1838.  
*With (b) below attached.*
- b.** Wrapper for the above order note.  
*Docketed "Sends a pulley to be repaired."*

- 111a.** Printed order note. The Soho Plate Co. per T. Aston to William Buckle, “The Engine Company.” 11 Oct. 1840.  
*Wrapped in (b) below. Dated as 11 Aug. but marked “suppose Oct.”*
- b.** Wrapper for the above order note.  
*Docketed “Wants us to fix a cog-wheel.”*
- 112a.** Printed order note. The Soho Plate Co. to Boulton & Watt. 3 Dec. 1840.  
*Wrapped in (b) below.*
- b.** Wrapper for the above order note.  
*Docketed “Send a screw to be repaired.”*
- 113a.** Printed order note. The Soho Plate Co. per T. Aston to William Buckle, “The Engine Company.” 9 Jun. 1841.  
*Wrapped in (b) below.*
- b.** Wrapper for the above order note.  
*Docketed “Want some work done.”*
- 114a.** Printed order note. The Soho Plate Co. per T. Aston to “The Engine Company.” 12 Jul. 1841.  
*Wrapped in (b) below.*
- b.** Wrapper for the above order note.  
*Docketed “Order a block of wood.”*
- 115a.** Note. The Soho Plate Co. per T. Aston to Boulton Watt & Co. 10 Feb. 1842.  
*With (b) below attached.*
- b.** Wrapper for the above note.  
*Docketed “Want a man to adjust some glass cutting machinery.”*
- 116.** Letter. A. Soular (London) to Boulton Watt & Co. (Soho). 23 Sep. 1836.  
*Docketed “Will find a guarantee for payment of engines if he orders them from us. Repeats his wish to have estimates and time for completing engines.”*
- 117.** Letter. James Spershott (Newcastle-under-Lyme) to Boulton & Watt (Birmingham). 24 Oct. 1831.  
*Docketed “Has invented a tool for boring blast holes in rocks and asks us to be partners with him in the manufacturing of them. Has also a scheme for making bad coal burn bright and asks if it might be included in the same patent as the above.”*
- 118.** Letter. Josiah Spode per William Outrim (Stoke) to Boulton Watt & Co. [Soho]. 12 Jul. 1830.  
*Docketed “Orders cement.”*
- 119.** Letter. R. Spooner (Bank, New St., Birmingham) to James Watt Jr. [Soho]. 27 Oct. 1835.  
*Docketed by James Watt Jr.  
Docketed “Introduces Mr. Withers who wants estimates of steam engines.”*
- 120.** Letter. James Sprason (Birmingham) to Gilbert Hamilton [?] [Soho]. “Tuesday Morning” [6 Sep. 1831].  
*Docketed “Has a splendid balloon for sale which he offers to us for the Coronation festivities.”*

121. Letter. W. Spurrier (Birmingham) to Boulton Watt & Co. [Soho]. 10 Apr. 1830.  
*Docketed "Gives notice of a Vestry meeting at Harbourne and requests our attendance."*
- 122a. Letter. W. Spurrier (Birmingham) to Boulton & Watt (Soho). 6 Feb. 1840.  
*Kept with (b) below. Docketed by James Watt Jr.*  
*Docketed "Applies for leave for Mr. Buckle to inspect and report upon the engine of the Tipton Moat Colliery."*
- b. Letter. W. Spurrier (Birmingham) to William Buckle (Soho). 6 Feb. 1840.
123. Letter. Standley & Smith per Edward Standley (Birmingham) to Boulton Watt & Co. [Soho]. 28 Dec. 1829.  
*Docketed by William Creighton.*  
*Docketed "With the locks for Danube."*
124. Letter. Edward Standley (Great Bridge) to Boulton Watt & Co. [Soho]. 24 Jun. 1843.  
*Docketed "Applies for a clerk's situation."*
125. Letter. Thomas Staniforth (Hackenthorpe, near Sheffield) to Boulton Watt & Co. (Soho). 21 Apr. 1836.  
*Docketed Wants estimate of 20 or 24 horse engine."*
126. Letter. William Stanton & Sons (Stafford Mills, near Stroud) to Boulton Watt & Co. [Soho]. 14 Aug. 1830.  
*Docketed "Order a piston for 14 horse engine (originally made for the Stone Pipe Co. in 1809). Send a guage of the diameter of the cone."*
127. Letter. William Stanton & Sons (Stroud) to Boulton Watt & Co. [Soho]. 10 Oct. 1834.  
*Docketed "Have directed Jones Lloyd & Co. to pay into the Bank of England on our account £347.9.0."*
128. Letter. William Stanton & Sons (Stroud) to Boulton Watt & Co. [Soho]. 5 Nov. 1834.  
*Docketed "Order new valves and seats for their 14 horse engine."*
129. Letter. William Stanton & Sons (Stroud) to Boulton Watt & Co. [Soho]. 28 Oct. 1837.  
*Docketed "Remit £15.4.0. To be acknowledged by Mr. Chubb."*
130. Letter. William Stanton & Sons (Stroud) to Boulton Watt & Co. (Soho). 4 May 1838.  
*Docketed "Want estimate of a new boiler etc."*
131. Letter. William Stanton & Sons (Stroud) to Boulton Watt & Co. (Soho). 13 May 1838.  
*Docketed "Order a new boiler for their 40 horse engine."*
132. Letter. William Stanton & Sons (Stroud) to Boulton Watt & Co. (Soho). 6 Aug. 1838.  
*Docketed "Order a manhole pipe for their new boiler. Want their account for it and ask what discount we allow."*
133. Letter. William Stanton & Sons per John Stanton (Stroud) to Boulton Watt & Co. [Soho]. 20 Oct. 1838.  
*Docketed "Enclose bills for £118.10.6. Acknowledged by Mr. Chubb."*
134. Letter. William Stanton & Sons (Stroud) to Boulton Watt & Co. [Soho]. 3 Dec. 1838.  
*Docketed "Want estimate of a 20 horse cylinder and nozzles for their old engine."*

135. Letter. William Stanton & Sons (Stroud) to Boulton Watt & Co. [Soho]. 6 Feb. 1839.  
*Docketed "Want our prices for engines."*
136. Letter. William Stanton & Sons (Stroud) to Boulton Watt & Co. (Soho). 25 Feb. 1839.  
*Docketed "Order a 30 horse engine, 5 foot stroke. Do we recommend Haden to erect it."*
137. Letter. William Stanton & Sons [Stroud] to Boulton Watt & Co. [Soho]. 5 Mar. 1839.  
*Docketed "Return drawing of 30 horse engine with their remarks. Might not depth of masonry be less. G. Haden recommends the speed of the engine to be increased."*
138. Letter. William Stanton & Sons [Stroud] to Boulton Watt & Co. [Soho]. 19 Mar. 1839.  
*Not dated – date taken from the docket.*  
*Docketed "Wish their engine house to be 12 feet wide, not 10."*
139. Letter. William Stanton & Sons [Stroud] to Boulton Watt & Co. [Soho]. 28 Mar. 1839.  
*Not dated – marked "Postmark 28 March 1839."*  
*Docketed "Wish an alteration in the situation of blow pipe for 30 horse engine. Progress with foundations and position of fly wheel. Hope we shall complete the engine in the time specified."*
140. Letter. William Stanton & Sons (Stroud) to Boulton Watt & Co. [Soho]. 27 Nov. 1839.  
*Docketed "Object to pay interest on our account."*
141. Letter. William Stanton & Sons [Stroud] to Boulton Watt & Co. (Soho). 3 Dec. 1839.  
*Not dated – date taken from the docket. The bill has been cut away from the sheet.*  
*Docketed "Remit £1274 to settle their account."*
142. Letter. H. Steel (Oil Gas Works, Liverpool) to Boulton & Watt (Soho). 22 Aug. 1831.  
*Docketed "Asks for estimates of sundry engines for a friend in Ireland."*
143. Letter. H. Steel (Liverpool) to Boulton & Watt [Soho]. 30 Aug. 1831.  
*Docketed "Further particulars of the engines for which estimates were asked for in his last letter. Not replied to, being considered unnecessary after Mr. Brown's visit and report."*
144. Letter. Stein Brown & Co. per Thomas Walluntt [?] (Limerick) to Boulton Watt & Co. (Soho). 31 Mar. 1834.  
*Docketed "Want estimate of a new cylinder with metallic piston etc. for their engine."*
145. Letter. A. & M. Stenhouse (Newton Colliery) to Boulton & Watt (Soho). 8 Feb. 1830.  
*Docketed "Terms they are willing to allow to a superintending engineer."*
146. Letter. A. & M. Stenhouse (Newton Colliery) to Boulton & Watt [Soho]. 19 Mar. 1830.  
*Docketed by William Creighton.*  
*Docketed "Enquires if a colliery man has yet been discovered."*
147. Letter. A. & M. Stenhouse (Newton Colliery, near Dalkeith) to Boulton & Watt [Soho]. 2 May 1831.  
*Docketed "Order a foot valve for their engine. Instructions for forwarding it. Will be paid for on delivery of invoice."*
148. Letter. A. & M. Stenhouse (Edmonton Colliery, by Dalkeith) to Boulton & Watt (Soho). 30 Dec. 1833.  
*Docketed "Ask if we can increase the power of their engine, which they want to remove. If not, they wish to have estimate of a new engine of larger power."*

149. Letter. Charles Stephens & Co. (Stanley Mills, near Stroud) to Boulton Watt & Co. (Soho). 4 Aug. 1836.  
*On the same sheet:*  
 Printed circular letter. Charles Stephens & Co. 30 Jun. 1836.  
*Docketed "The firm of Maclean Stephens & Co. is dissolved and the business will in future be carried on by Charles Stephens & Co. Asks us to give a valuation of their engine and boilers."*
150. Letter. Lt. William Stevens [?] (*Dasher*, Portsmouth) to James Brown (London). 6 Feb. 1839.  
*Docketed "Jones has performed his duty well."*
151. Letter. Ralph Stevenson (Sandon) to Gilbert Hamilton (Soho). 2 Aug. 1839.  
*Docketed "Explains his last letter and puts further queries."*
152. Memorandum. A. Stewart & Westmoreland (London) at Soho. 2 Sep. 1842.  
*Docketed "Order West India articles."*
153. Memorandum. A. Stewart & Westmoreland (London). 22 Sep. 1842.  
*Docketed "Order articles for the West Indies."*
154. Memorandum. A. Stewart & Westmoreland (London) – for Money Musk [?] Estate, Jamaica. 7 Oct. 1842.  
*Docketed "Order articles for the West Indies."*
- 155a. Memorandum. A. Stewart & Westmoreland (London) – Duplicates required for Ashley Hall 6 horse power bell crank engine erected 1813. 19 Oct. 1842.  
*With (b) below attached.*
- b. Wrapper for the above memorandum.  
*Docketed "Order articles for Ashley Hall Estate."*
156. Letter. W. Strange (Wotton) to Boulton Watt & Co. [Soho]. 8 May 1838.  
*Docketed "Encloses bill for £33.7."*
157. Letter. T. Struthers (Largs) to Boulton & Watt (Soho). 14 Dec. 1834.  
*Docketed "Communicates some inventions relative to condensation etc."*
158. Letter. C. M. Sughrue to ?. MISSING.
159. Letter. George Swain & Co. (Birmingham) to Boulton Watt & Co. (Soho). 23 Oct. 1835.  
*Docketed "McConnel Brothers' boiler left Birmingham on the 16<sup>th</sup>. They may send for it at any time to Cromford."*
160. Letter. Boulton Watt & Co. per William S. Garland (Soho) to G. Swain & Co. (Birmingham). 23 Oct. 1835.  
*Docketed "Cost of freight from Birmingham to Derby is 15/- per ton." Swain's reply to the query has been added to the sheet.*
161. Letter. David Swann (Norwich) to Boulton Watt & Co. [Soho]. 1 Nov. 1833.  
*Docketed "Has placed £5 in Spooner & Atwood's Bank, to settle our account. W. B. [William Burdon?] will acknowledge this."*

162. Letter. John Coles Symes (Fenchurch St., London) to James Watt Jr. (Soho). 16 Feb. 1838.  
*Docketed by James Watt Jr.*  
*Docketed "The power of attorney is for Mr. Brown to obtain the letters of administration, as well as to act under them."*

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1. Letter. Robert Thompson (Warwick & Leamington Bank Co., Leamington) to James Watt Jr. (Aston Hall). 13 Nov. 1835.  
*Docketed by James Watt Jr.*  
*Docketed "Enquire the character of Mr. William Burdon who has applied to them for the situation of cashier."*
2. Letter. W. Thomson (Tunnel House, near Daventry) to Boulton Watt & Co. [Soho]. 18 Feb. 1832.  
*Docketed "Grand Junction Canal. Orders articles to repair the Braunston Engine."*
3. Transcript of extract of letter. Frederick & Everh<sup>d</sup>. Delius (Bremen) to Thomson Hankey & Co. [London]. 12 Feb. 1841.  
*Docketed "Respecting Mr. Kentgen and the proposed Transatlantic steamers."*
4. Letter. Thomson Hankey & Co. (London) to Boulton Watt & Co. [Soho]. 6 Dec. 1841.  
*Docketed "Enclose drawing of sugar mill work for which they want an estimate."*
5. Letter. Thomson Hankey & Co. (London) to Boulton Watt & Co. (Birmingham). 30 Dec. 1841.  
*On the same sheet:*  
Transcript of extract of letter. James Salmon Jr. (Spanish Town) to Thomson Hankey & Co. 17 Nov. 1841.  
*Docketed "Want our opinion on the subject of locomotive engines to work sugar mills. Have written to their correspondent respecting the estimate lately sent by us for a sugar mill."*
6. Letter. Thomson Hankey & Co. per Frederick W. Jones [?] (7 Mincing Lane, London) to Boulton Watt & Co. (13 London St.). 24 Aug. 1842.  
*Docketed "Order West India articles."*
7. Letter. Thomson Hankey & Co. (London) to Boulton Watt & Co. [Soho]. 3 Oct. 1842.  
*Docketed "Directions for forwarding Mr. Scott's goods."*
- 8a. Letter. Thomson Hankey & Co. (London) to Boulton Watt & Co. (Birmingham). 7 Mar. 1843.  
*Enclosing (b) below.*  
*Docketed "Send copy of letter from Mr. Barclay with comments on the sugar mill we supplied for Plantation Garden River."*
- b. Transcript of letter. Alexander Barclay [West Indies] to Thomson Hankey & Co. [London]. 1 Feb. 1843.

9. Letter. Thomson Hankey & Co. (London) to Boulton Watt & Co. (Soho). 24 Mar. 1843.  
*On the same sheet:*  
Transcript of extract of letter. Mr. — McWilliams [West Indies] to Thomson Hankey & Co. [London]. 16 Jan. 1843.  
*Docketed “Send extract of letter stating that some of the articles sent by us for Pera Estate are not suitable.”*
10. Letter. Thomson Hankey & Co. (7 Mincing Lane, London) to Boulton Watt & Co. (18 London St.). 18 May 1843.  
*Forwarded to Soho.*  
*Docketed “Order machinery for sawing timber.”*
- 11a. Letter (in German). Mr. — Tiedemann, Land Inspector (Schleswig) to Boulton Watt & Co. [Soho]. 6 Mar. 1837.  
*Enclosing (b) and kept with (c) below.*
- b. Map. Pen and wash map of area of Schleswig to be drained.
- c. Translation of the letter by F. Ludwig.  
*Docketed “Wants information about an engine and machinery for raising water to drain a tract of low ground. Not answered.”*
12. Memorandum. Trecothick Roper & Son (126 Fenchurch St., London) – copy of an order for an 8 horse engine. 11 Oct. 1842.
13. Letter. Thomas Trueman & Son (Manchester) to Boulton & Watt (Soho). 20 Feb. 1836.  
*Docketed “Are the holders of a cotton mill near Mold. Ask if we can send a competent workman to overhaul the engine there and to instruct them respecting the necessary boilers.”*
14. Letter. Thomas Trueman & Son (Manchester) to Boulton Watt & Co. (Soho). 10 Sep. 1836.  
*Docketed “Remit bill for £900. Remark on our account and wish for explanation. This season has been so dry that they have not been able to take repairs of engine in hand yet.”*
15. Letter. Thomas Trueman & Son (Manchester) to Boulton Watt & Co. (Soho). 24 Oct. 1837.  
*Docketed “An item of £14.9.0 is objected to – ask if we will allow its deduction.”*
16. Letter. Thomas Trueman & Son (Manchester) to Boulton Watt & Co. (Soho). 2 Nov. 1837.  
*Docketed “Have paid £196.2.6 to Wren & Bennett in settlement of our account. Have deducted £7.4.6 – half our charge for cap and gudgeon.”*