

MS 3147/3/533
SPECIAL SUBJECTS & CORRESPONDENTS
JOHN WILKINSON – CORRESPONDENCE
1775—1779

INTRODUCTION

Letters from the Shropshire iron master John Wilkinson, from 1775 to 1779. The bundle includes three letters signed by John's brother William Wilkinson at Bersham, and also some letters from his foremen and clerks John Turner and Cornelius Reynolds.

1. Letter. John Wilkinson (London) to James Watt (Soho). 30 Jun. 1775.
2. Letter. John Wilkinson (Broseley) to James Watt (Soho). 3 Aug. 1775.
3. Letter. John Wilkinson (Broseley) to James Watt (Soho). 17 Aug. 1775.
4. Letter. John Wilkinson (Broseley) to "Boulton & Co." (Soho). 1 Sep. 1775.
5. Letter. John Wilkinson (Broseley) to James Watt (Soho). 21 Nov. 1775.
6. Letter. John Wilkinson (Broseley) to James Watt (Soho). 26 Jan. 1776.
7. Letter. John Wilkinson (Broseley) to James Watt (Soho). 5 Apr. 1776.
8. Memorandum. Memorandums from Mr. Wilkinson. — Apr. 1776.
Information for Watt about work in progress, drawings required etc.
9. Letter. John Wilkinson (Broseley) to James Watt (Soho). 28 Apr. 1776.
10. Letter. John Wilkinson (Broseley) to James Watt (Soho). 30 Apr. 1776.
11. Letter. John Wilkinson (Broseley) to James Watt (Birmingham). 4 May 1776.
12. Letter. John Wilkinson (Broseley) to James Watt (Newhall). 6 May 1776.
13. Letter. John Wilkinson (Broseley) to James Watt (Soho). 7 May 1776.
The sheet has been used for calculations and a sketch of a pump [?].
14. Letter. William Wilkinson (Bersham) to James Watt (Soho). 31 May 1776.
15. Letter. William Wilkinson (Broseley) to Matthew Boulton (2 Bush Lane, London). 5 Aug. 1776.
16. Letter. John Wilkinson (Shrewsbury) to "Boulton & Co." (Soho). 7 Aug. 1776.
17. Letter. John Wilkinson (Broseley) to Matthew Boulton (Soho). 9 Aug. 1776.
On the same sheet:
Transcript of letter. Thomas Dudley (North Downs) to John Wilkinson [Broseley]. 3 Aug. 1776.
18. Letter. John Wilkinson (Broseley) to James Watt (Soho). 8 Sep. 1776.

19. Letter. John Wilkinson (Broseley) to Boulton & Watt (Soho). 27 Oct. 1776.
The sheet has been used for calculations.
20. Letter. John Wilkinson (London) to Boulton & Watt (Soho). 12 Nov. 1776.
21. Letter. William Wilkinson (Bersham) to Boulton & Watt (Soho). 23 Nov. 1776.
22. Letter. John Wilkinson (London) to James Watt (Birmingham). 17 Feb. 1777.
The sheet has been used for calculations.
23. Letter. John Wilkinson (Broseley) to Matthew Boulton (Soho). 24 Mar. 1777.
24. Letter. John Wilkinson (Broseley) to James Watt (Birmingham). 18 Apr. 1777.
The sheet has been used for calculations.
25. Letter. John Wilkinson (Broseley) to James Watt (Birmingham). 15 May 1777.
26. Letter. John Wilkinson (Broseley) to James Watt (Birmingham). 18 May 1777.
Docketed "Thick cylinders."
- 27a. Letter. John Wilkinson (Broseley) to James Watt (Birmingham). 24 May 1777.
Kept with (b) below.
 - b. Letter. John Wilkinson (Broseley) to James Watt (Birmingham). 24 May 1777.
Docketed "About Hornblower."
28. Letter. John Wilkinson (Broseley) to James Watt (Birmingham). 27 May 1777.
The sheet has been used for calculations.
29. Letter. John Wilkinson (Bersham) to Matthew Boulton [Soho]. 9 Sep. 1777.
30. Letter. John Wilkinson (Broseley) to Boulton & Watt (Soho). 19 Oct. 1777.
31. Letter. John Wilkinson (Broseley) to Matthew Boulton (Soho). 24 Oct. 1777.
32. Letter. John Wilkinson (Broseley) to James Watt (Birmingham). 8 Nov. 1777.
33. Letter. John Turner (Bersham) to Boulton & Watt (Soho). 15 Nov. 1777.
34. Letter. John Wilkinson (Broseley) to James Watt (Birmingham). 8 Dec. 1777.
35. Letter. John Wilkinson (Broseley) to Boulton & Watt (Birmingham). 13 Jan. 1778.
36. Letter. John Wilkinson (Broseley) to Boulton & Watt (Birmingham). 17 Jan. 1778.
37. Letter. John Wilkinson (Ketley) to Boulton & Watt (Birmingham). 24 Jan. 1778.
38. Letter. John Wilkinson (Broseley) to "Boulton & Co." (Soho). 13 Apr. 1778.
39. Letter. John Wilkinson (Broseley) to "Boulton & Co." (Soho). 14 Apr. 1778.
The sheet has been used for calculations.
Docketed "Concerning Mr. Jary."

40. Letter. John Wilkinson (Broseley) to Boulton & Watt (Soho). 14 Apr. 1778.
Different to the above letter – this letter has been written by an amanuensis.
Docketed “Mr. Jary’s engine.”
41. Letter. John Wilkinson (Wilson House) to James Watt (Redruth). 24 Aug. 1778.
42. Letter. John Wilkinson (Grange) to James Watt [Redruth]. 1 Oct. 1778.
43. Letter. John Wilkinson (Wilson House) to James Watt (Redruth). 15 Nov. 1778.
44. Letter. John Wilkinson (Bersham) to Matthew Boulton (Soho). 23 Dec. 1778.
45. Letter. John Wilkinson (Broseley) to Boulton & Fothergill (Soho). 29 Dec. 1778.
46. Letter. John Wilkinson (Broseley) to Boulton & Watt (Soho). 10 Jan. 1779.
The sheet has been used for calculations and a sketch of a steam wheel [?].
47. Letter. John Wilkinson (Broseley) to James Watt (Birmingham). 16 Mar. 1779.
48. Letter. John Wilkinson (Broseley) to Boulton & Watt (Birmingham). 18 Mar. 1779.
49. Letter. John Wilkinson (Broseley) to Boulton & Watt (Birmingham). 23 Mar. 1779.
50. Letter. John Wilkinson (Bersham) to Boulton & Watt (Birmingham). 1 Apr. 1779.
51. Letter. Cornelius Reynolds (Broseley) to James Watt (Birmingham). 27 Apr. 1779.
52. Letter. John Wilkinson (Broseley) to Boulton & Watt [Soho]. 4 May 1779.
Dated by Wilkinson as 4 Jun.
53. Letter. John Wilkinson (Bersham) to James Watt (Birmingham). 10 May 1779.
Docketed “About Jary and Perrier’s goods.”
54. Letter. John Wilkinson (Bersham) to James Watt (Birmingham). 17 May 1779.
Docketed “About sending off Jary and Perrier’s goods.”
55. Letter. John Wilkinson (Broseley) to Boulton & Watt (Birmingham). 6 Jun. 1779.
On the same sheet:
Transcript of letter. Hugh Jones (Chester) to John Wilkinson. 5 Jun. 1779.
Transcript of letter. Robert Pyrke (Newnham) to John Wilkinson. 3 Jun. 1779.
- 56a. Letter. John Wilkinson (Broseley) to James Watt [?] [Birmingham]. 8 Jun. 1779.
Enclosing (b) below.
Docketed “Mr. Baldwin’s enclosed.”
- b. Letter. John Baldwyn (Chepstow) to John Wilkinson [Broseley]. 29 May 1779.
57. Letter. John Wilkinson (Bersham) to James Watt (Birmingham). 11 Jun. 1779.
58. Letter. John Wilkinson (Bersham) to Boulton & Watt (Soho). 12 Jun. 1779.
On the same sheet:
Transcript of letter. Hugh Jones (Chester) to John Wilkinson (Court). 12 Jun. 1779.
Transcript of letter. Robert Pyrke (Newnham) to John Wilkinson (Bersham). 10 Jun. 1779.
Docketed “About the Peter and Severn.”

59. Letter. John Wilkinson (Bersham) to Boulton & Watt (Birmingham). 18 Jun. 1779.
60. Letter. Hugh Jones (Chester) to Boulton & Watt [Soho]. 19 Jun. 1779.
61. Letter. John Wilkinson (Broseley) to James Watt (Birmingham). 25 Jun. 1779.
62. Letter. John Wilkinson (Bersham) to James Watt (Birmingham). 2 Jul. 1779.
63. Letter. John Wilkinson (Bersham) to James Watt (Birmingham). 4 Jul. 1779.
On the same sheet:
Transcripts of bills of lading. Goods shipped on the *Peter* for Wheal Chance, Poldice and Chacewater.
Docketed "Bills of lading of Cornish goods."
64. Letter. John Wilkinson (Bersham) to James Watt (Birmingham). 8 Jul. 1779.
65. Letter. John Wilkinson (Bersham) to James Watt (Birmingham). 13 Jul. 1779.
66. Letter. John Wilkinson (Bersham) to James Watt (Birmingham). 16 Jul. 1779.
67. Letter. John Wilkinson (Broseley) to James Watt (Birmingham). 21 Jul. 1779.
Docketed as being from Bersham.
68. Letter. John Wilkinson (Bersham) to James Watt (Birmingham). 3 Aug. 1779.
69. Letter. John Wilkinson (Bersham) to James Watt (Birmingham). 8 Aug. 1779.
70. Letter. John Wilkinson (Bersham) to James Watt (Birmingham). 10 Aug. 1779.
71. Letter. John Wilkinson (Bersham) to James Watt [Birmingham]. 13 Aug. 1779.
Docketed "The Peter at Biddeford."
72. Letter. John Wilkinson (Bersham) to James Watt (Birmingham). 16 Aug. 1779.
Docketed as 17 Aug.
73. Letter. John Wilkinson (Bersham) to James Watt (Birmingham). 21 Aug. 1779.
74. Letter. John Wilkinson (Bersham) to James Watt (Birmingham). 24 Aug. 1779.
75. Letter. John Wilkinson (Bersham) to James Watt (Birmingham). 27 Aug. 1779.
Docketed "Grievances."
76. Letter. John Wilkinson (Bersham) to James Watt (Birmingham). 31 Aug. 1779.
77. Letter. John Wilkinson [Bersham] to James Watt (Birmingham). 1 Sep. 1779.
78. Letter. John Wilkinson (Liverpool) to James Watt (Birmingham). 7 Sep. 1779.
Docketed as being from Bersham.
79. Memorandum. Account of Castings made for Cornwall. 9 Sep. 1779.
Docketed "Mr. Wilkinson – list of castings ready for Cornwall."
80. Memorandum. Mr. Wilkinson's dimensions of Ale & Cakes, Poldory, Tresavaine [Tresavean], Penryndee cylinders. — Sep. 1779.

81. Letter. John Wilkinson (Court) to James Watt (Birmingham). 12 Sep. 1779.
82. Letter. John Wilkinson (Court) to James Watt (Birmingham). 14 Sep. 1779.
83. Letter. John Wilkinson (Bersham) to James Watt (Birmingham). 17 Sep. 1779.
84. Letter. John Wilkinson (Bersham) to James Watt (Birmingham). 24 Sep. 1779.
85. Letter. John Wilkinson (Bersham) to Boulton & Watt (Birmingham). 26 Sep. 1779.
86. Letter. John Wilkinson (Bersham) to James Watt (Chacewater). 30 Oct. 1779.
87. Letter. John Wilkinson (Bersham) to Matthew Boulton (at Messrs. Matthews & Barton's, London). 3 Nov. 1779.
Docketed "Answered the 12th. About Jary's goods."
88. Letter. Cornelius Reynolds (Broseley) to James Watt (Chacewater). 9 Nov. 1799.
89. Letter. John Wilkinson (Wilson House) to James Watt (Chacewater). 21 Nov. 1779.
The inside of the letter is addressed to Boulton & Watt.
90. Letter. John Wilkinson (Bersham) to James Watt (Chacewater). 5 Dec. 1779.
Docketed "With United Mines and Tresavean invoices."
91. Letter. John Wilkinson (Broseley) to James Watt (Chacewater). 9 Dec. 1779.
The sheet has been used for calculations.
92. Letter. John Wilkinson (Bersham) to James Watt [Chacewater]. 21 Dec. 1779.

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JOHN WILKINSON – CORRESPONDENCE
1780—1791

INTRODUCTION

Letters from the Shropshire iron master John Wilkinson, from 1780 to 1791. The bundle includes letters from his clerks John Turner and William Johnson.

1. Letter. John Wilkinson (Broseley) to James Watt (Chacewater). 25 Jan. 1780.
Docketed "United Mine goods shipping."
2. Letter. John Wilkinson (London) to Boulton & Watt (Birmingham). 19 Feb. 1780.
3. Letter. John Wilkinson (London) to Boulton & Watt [Birmingham]. 2 Mar. 1780.
4. Letter. John Wilkinson [Bersham] to James Watt (Birmingham). 30 Mar. 1780.
Not dated – date taken from the docket. On the same sheet:
Memorandum. Dimensions of various engine parts for Poldice.
5. Letter. John Wilkinson (Bersham) to James Watt (Birmingham). 31 Mar. 1780.

6. Letter. John Wilkinson (Court) to James Watt (Birmingham). 18 Apr. 1780.
Docketed as 19 Apr.
7. Letter. John Wilkinson (Bersham) to James Watt (Birmingham). 21 Apr. 1780.
8. Letter. John Wilkinson (Broseley) to James Watt (Birmingham). 28 Apr. 1780.
9. Letter. John Wilkinson (Broseley) to James Watt (Birmingham). 11 May 1780.
10. Letter. John Wilkinson (Bersham) to James Watt (Birmingham). 11 Jul. 1780.
Docketed "About Mr. Jary's goods shipping per the Peter."
11. Letter. John Wilkinson (Castle Head) to James Watt (Birmingham). 20 Aug. 1780.
12. Letter. John Wilkinson (Castle Head) to Matthew Boulton (Redruth). 24 Aug. 1780.
13. Letter. John Wilkinson (Castle Head) to James Watt (Birmingham). 31 Aug. 1780.
Docketed "Freight of Jary's goods per the Mary."
14. Letter. John Wilkinson (Castle Head) to James Watt (Birmingham). 4 Sep. 1780.
On the same sheet:
Transcript (in French). Passport for the *Mary*.
Docketed "Passeport for the Mary."
15. Letter. John Wilkinson (Castle Head) to James Watt (Birmingham). 26 Sep. 1780.
The sheet has been used for calculations.
16. Letter. John Wilkinson (Castle Head) to James Watt (Birmingham). 14 Oct. 1780.
Docketed "About receipt of passport for Jary's goods."
17. Letter. John Wilkinson (Castle Head) to Matthew Boulton (Redruth). 19 Oct. 1780.
18. Letter. John Wilkinson (Castle Head) to James Watt (Birmingham). 6 Nov. 1780.
19. Letter. John Wilkinson (Castle Head) to James Watt [Birmingham]. 27 Nov. 1780.
20. Letter. John Wilkinson (London) to James Watt (Birmingham). 28 Dec. 1780.
21. Letter. John Wilkinson (London) to James Watt (Birmingham). 30 Dec. 1780.
- 22a. Letter. John Wilkinson (Bersham) to Boulton & Watt (Birmingham). 5 Feb. 1781.
Kept with (b) below.
 - b. Memorandum. Mr. Wilkinson's Charge for Cast Plummer Block.
The sheet has been used for sketches of pipes etc.
23. Letter. John Wilkinson (Castle Head) to Boulton & Watt (Birmingham). 27 Feb. 1781.
24. Letter. John Wilkinson (Castle Head) to Boulton & Watt (Birmingham). 4 Mar. 1781.
25. Letter. John Wilkinson (Castle Head) to James Watt (Birmingham). 10 Mar. 1781.
26. Letter. John Wilkinson (Castle Head) to James Watt (Birmingham). 26 Mar. 1781.

27. Sketch & memorandum. Section of hill showing required lift of a pumping engine.
Partly in Matthew Boulton's hand.
Docketed "J. Wilkinson's engine wanted at Castle Head."
28. Letter. John Wilkinson (Castle Head) to James Watt (Birmingham). 7 May 1781.
Docketed "About Castle Head engine."
29. Letter. John Wilkinson (Castle Head) to James Watt (Birmingham). 9 May 1781.
30. Letter. John Wilkinson (Castle Head) to Boulton & Watt (Birmingham). 17 May 1781.
31. Letter. John Wilkinson (Castle Head) to James Watt (Birmingham). 26 May 1781.
Docketed as 29 May.
Docketed "Receipt for £200 on account of Gregory Mine."
32. Letter. John Turner (Bersham) to Boulton & Watt (Soho). 15 Jun. 1781.
33. Letter. John Wilkinson (Broseley) to Matthew Boulton (Soho). 17 Jul. 1781.
34. Letter. John Wilkinson (Chester) to Matthew Boulton (Soho). 18 Sep. 1781.
35. Letter. John Wilkinson (Castle Head) to James Watt (Cosgarne). 21 Sep. 1781.
36. Letter. John Wilkinson (Castle Head) to Boulton & Watt (Birmingham). 28 Oct. 1781.
37. Letter. John Wilkinson (Broseley) to James Watt (Cosgarne). 22 Mar. 1782.
38. Letter. John Wilkinson (Broseley) to Boulton & Watt (Birmingham). 11 Jun. 1782.
With a note added by Matthew Boulton. The sheet has been used for calculations.
39. Letter. John Wilkinson (London) to Boulton & Watt (Birmingham). 18 Jun. 1782.
40. Letter. John Wilkinson (London) to Matthew Boulton (Soho). 20 Jun. 1782.
41. Letter. John Wilkinson (Broseley) to Boulton & Watt (Birmingham). 22 Jul. 1782.
42. Letter. John Wilkinson (Broseley) to Boulton & Watt (Soho). 1 Aug. 1782.
43. Letter. John Wilkinson (Castle Head) to James Watt (Birmingham). 6 Oct. 1782.
44. Letter. John Wilkinson (Castle Head) to James Watt (Birmingham). 14 Oct. 1782.
45. Letter. John Wilkinson (Castle Head) to James Watt (Birmingham). — Dec. 1782.
Circa 15 Dec? Watt replied on 28 Dec. and apologised for not having replied sooner.
Docketed "Concerning Mr. Crouchley's engine."
46. Letter. John Wilkinson (Castle Head) to James Watt (Birmingham). 23 Jan. 1783.
Docketed as 18 Jan. On the same sheet:
Transcript of letter. Joseph Crouchley (Leigh) to John Wilkinson. 18 Jan. 1783.
Docketed "Ordering Mr. Crouchley's engine."
47. Letter. John Wilkinson (Bersham) to Boulton & Watt (Birmingham). 23 Feb. 1783.
Docketed as 25 Feb.

48. Letter (press copy). John Wilkinson (Broseley) to the Governor of the Chelsea Water Works [London]. 11 Apr. 1783.
On the same sheet:
Account. The Governor & Company of Chelsea Water Works debtors to John Wilkinson.
49. Letter. John Wilkinson [Broseley] to James Watt [Birmingham]. 21 Apr. 1783.
On the same sheet:
Part of letter. J. Harrison & Co. to John Wilkinson (Broseley). 17 Apr. 1783.
Wilkinson removed the lower part of Harrison & Co.'s letter, then added his letter to the sheet and sent it to Watt.
50. Letter. John Wilkinson (Broseley) to James Watt (Birmingham). 16 Jul. 1783.
Docketed "Concerning small French engine."
51. Letter. John Wilkinson (London) to James Watt (Birmingham). 29 Jul. 1783.
Docketed "Agreeing to terms for small French engine."
52. Letter. John Wilkinson (London) to James Watt (Birmingham). 5 Aug. 1783.
53. Letter. John Wilkinson (Broseley) to James Watt (Birmingham). 20 Aug. 1783.
54. Letter. John Wilkinson (Castle Head) to James Watt (Birmingham). 10 Sep. 1783.
55. Letter. John Wilkinson (Castle Head) to James Watt (Birmingham). 21 Sep. 1783.
Docketed as 11 Sep.
56. Letter. John Wilkinson (Castle Head) to James Watt (Birmingham). 23 Sep. 1783.
Docketed "Refusing to pay carriage of Mr. Fenton's materials."
57. Letter. John Wilkinson (Court) to James Watt (Birmingham). 30 Sep. 1783.
58. Letter. John Wilkinson (Broseley) to James Watt (Birmingham). 22 Oct. 1783.
Docketed as 26 Oct.
Docketed "About Mr. Hallen's forge engine."
59. Letter. John Wilkinson (Broseley) to James Watt (Birmingham). 3 Nov. 1783.
Docketed "About Mr. Hallen's forge and Poldice cylinder."
60. Letter. John Wilkinson (Broseley) to James Watt (Birmingham). 6 Nov. 1783.
61. Letter. John Wilkinson (Broseley) to James Watt (Birmingham). 8 Nov. 1783.
62. Letter. John Wilkinson (Broseley) to Boulton & Watt (Soho). 28 Nov. 1783.
63. Letter. John Wilkinson (Broseley) to James Watt (Birmingham). 30 Nov. 1783.
64. Letter. John Wilkinson (Court) to James Watt (Birmingham). 2 Jan. 1784.
Mis-dated by Wilkinson as 1783.
65. Letter. John Wilkinson (Bersham) to Boulton & Watt (Birmingham). 3 Feb. 1784.
Docketed "Concerning Mr. Perier & Co."
66. Letter. John Wilkinson (Court) to James Watt (Harper's Hill). 8 Feb. 1784.
Docketed "Concerning Mr. Perier & Co."

67. Letter. John Wilkinson (Court) to Boulton & Watt (Birmingham). 10 Feb. 1784.
68. Letter. John Wilkinson (Castle Head) to James Watt (Harper's Hill). 5 Jun. 1784.
69. Letter. John Wilkinson (Castle Head) to James Watt (Harper's Hill). 1 Aug. 1784.
70. Letter. John Wilkinson (Broseley) to Matthew Boulton (Cosgarne). 9 Oct. 1784.
- 71a. Letter. John Wilkinson (Broseley) to James Watt (Birmingham). 23 Apr. 1785.
Enclosing (b) and (c) below.
Docketed "About the Treasury iron paper."
- b. Memorandum. Draft of paper on the iron trade with Ireland. 2 sheets.
- c. Note by Wilkinson about printing a paper on the iron trade.
- 72a. Letter. John Wilkinson (Court) to James Watt (Harper's Hill). 1 May 1785.
Enclosing (b) and (c) below.
- b. Cutting from *The Shrewsbury Chronicle*, 30 Apr. 1785.
Letter to the publisher – observations on the article "Iron Trade, England and Ireland" which appeared in The Chronicle on 23 Apr.
- c. Cutting from ?.
Report of the Chancellor's discussion with leather dealers about trade with Ireland.
73. Letter. John Wilkinson (Castle Head) to Boulton & Watt (Birmingham). 14 May 1785.
On the same sheet:
Letter. Thomas Williams (Ravenhead) to John Wilkinson. 9 May 1785.
74. Letter. John Wilkinson (Castle Head) to James Watt (Harper's Hill). 22 May 1785.
75. Letter. John Wilkinson (Castle Head) to James Watt (Harper's Hill). 24 Aug. 1785.
Docketed "Mr. Stockdale's engine."
76. Letter. John Wilkinson (Castle Head) to James Watt (Harper's Hill). 12 Sep. 1785.
77. Letter. John Wilkinson (Castle Head) to James Watt (Harper's Hill). 17 Nov. 1785.
78. Letter. John Wilkinson (Castle Head) to James Watt (Harper's Hill). 6 Dec. 1785.
Docketed "With drawing of rotative motions."
79. Letter. John Wilkinson (Broseley) to Matthew Boulton (Soho). 19 Jan. 1786.
On the same sheet:
Letter. Jacob Yallowley (London) to John Wilkinson. 11 Jan. 1786.
80. Letter. John Wilkinson (Castle Head) to James Watt (Harper's Hill). 25 Mar. 1786.
81. Letter. John Wilkinson (Castle Head) to Boulton & Watt (Birmingham). 14 Aug. 1786.
On the same sheet:
Account. Adventurers in Hallammanin debtors to John Wilkinson.
82. Letter. John Wilkinson (Bersham) to James Watt (Harper's Hill). 22 Oct. 1786.
Docketed "About Chacewater shares."

83. Letter. John Wilkinson (Castle Head) to James Watt [Birmingham]. 16 Jun. 1787.
Docketed "About Wheel Virgin pumps."
84. Letter. John Wilkinson (Broseley) to Boulton & Watt (Birmingham). 20 Aug. 1787.
85. Letter. John Wilkinson (Broseley) to James Watt (Harper's Hill). 22 Aug. 1787.
86. Letter. John Wilkinson (Broseley) to James Watt [Harper's Hill]. 15 Oct. 1787.
Docketed as 7 Oct.
87. Letter. John Wilkinson (Fair Hill) to James Watt (6 Green Lettice Lane). 30 Oct. 1787.
88. Letter. John Wilkinson (Copper Office, London) to Boulton & Watt [6 Green Lettice Lane].
20 Nov. 1787.
Docketed "About Cornish Metal Co. affairs."
89. Letter. John Wilkinson (Castle Head) to James Watt (Harper's Hill). 6 Sep. 1788.
Docketed "About Swedish engine."
90. Letter. John Wilkinson (Court) to James Watt (Harper's Hill). 20 Sep. 1788.
91. Letter. John Wilkinson (Bersham) to James Watt (Harper's Hill). 29 Oct. 1788.
92. Letter. John Wilkinson (Castle Head) to James Watt (Harper's Hill). 9 Nov. 1788.
93. Letter. John Wilkinson (Chester) to Boulton & Watt (Birmingham). 22 Jan. 1789.
94. Letter. John Wilkinson (Castle Head) to James Watt (Harper's Hill). 31 Jan. 1789.
95. Letter. John Wilkinson (Bersham) to Boulton & Watt (Birmingham). 25 Feb. 1789.
96. Letter. John Wilkinson (Broseley) to Boulton & Watt (Birmingham). 1 May 1789.
97. Letter. John Wilkinson (London) to James Watt (Harper's Hill). 30 May 1789.
98. Letter. John Wilkinson (London) to James Watt [Harper's Hill]. 3 Jun. 1789.
Docketed "About Mr. Weston."
99. Letter. John Wilkinson (London) to James Watt (Harper's Hill). 17 Jun. 1789.
Docketed "About sales of copper and about Weston."
100. Letter. John Wilkinson (Broseley) to Boulton & Watt (Birmingham). 19 Jul. 1789.
101. Memorandum. John Wilkinson (Cark) – account of the strokes made by the Cark engine.
15 Aug. 1789.
On the same sheet:
Letter. James Stockdale Jr. for Thackeray Stockdale & Co. (Cark) to Boulton & Watt
(Birmingham). 15 Aug. 1789.
Docketed "Number of Cark counter."
102. Letter. John Wilkinson (Castle Head) to Matthew Boulton (Soho). 12 Nov. 1789.
103. Letter. John Wilkinson (Broseley) to Boulton & Watt (Birmingham). 23 Dec. 1789.

104. Letter. John Wilkinson (Broseley) to Boulton & Watt [Birmingham]. 11 Jan. 1790.
Docketed "About Sir W. Williams' engine."
105. Letter. William Johnson for John Wilkinson (Bradley) to John Roberts (Soho). 8 Jan. 1791.
On the same sheet:
Invoice. Iron bought from Wilkinson by Matthew Boulton.
106. Letter. William Johnson (Bradley) to John Southern (Soho). — Feb. 1791.
On the same sheet:
Invoice. Boiler for the Soho engine. 17 Feb. 1791.
Docketed "Invoice of a boiler for Mr. Boulton from Johnson in which a mistake of £6.12.0."
107. Letter. John Wilkinson (Broseley) to Matthew Boulton (Soho). 25 Feb. 1791.
108. Letter. John Wilkinson (Broseley) to Matthew Boulton (Soho). 26 Feb. 1791.
109. Letter. John Wilkinson (Broseley) to Boulton & Watt (Soho). 30 Jul. 1791.
110. Letter. John Wilkinson (Wrexham) to James Watt (Birmingham). 16 Aug. 1791.
Docketed as 19 Aug. On the same sheet:
Transcript of invoice. Cylinder shipped for the Poldice Adventurers. 30 Jun. 1787.
Docketed "Hallammanin mine."

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SPECIAL SUBJECTS & CORRESPONDENTS
JOHN WILKINSON – CORRESPONDENCE AND PAPERS CONCERNING HIS
DISPUTE WITH BOULTON & WATT
1775—1796

INTRODUCTION

Letters and papers relating to John Wilkinson's dispute with Boulton & Watt, from 1775 to 1796. The dispute followed on from the falling out John had with his brother William. William subsequently informed Boulton & Watt of various engines that John had made without Boulton & Watt's consent. The material in this bundle was assembled as evidence for Boulton & Watt's claims for engine premiums, and it is divided into five smaller bundles, as follows:

- Nos. 1-12. Letters from John Wilkinson, 1792 and 1795.
- Nos. 13-29. Transcripts of Correspondence, Memoranda etc.
- Nos. 30-34. Lists of Engines made by John Wilkinson.
- Nos. 35-43. Calculations of Premiums on John Wilkinson's Engines.
- Nos. 44-49. Accounts.

For more details of Wilkinson's dispute with Boulton & Watt, see his entry in the Guide to Persons and Firms.

Letters from John Wilkinson, 1792 and 1795.

1. Letter. John Wilkinson (London) to James Watt (Heathfield). 27 Jun. 1792.

2. Letter. John Wilkinson (Castle Head) to Matthew Boulton (Soho). 26 Nov. 1792.
3. Letter. Richard Watson for John Wilkinson (Broseley) to Boulton & Watt (Soho). 16 Feb. 1795.
4. Letter. Cornelius Reynolds (Broseley) to Boulton & Watt (Soho). 5 Mar. 1795.
5. Letter. Richard Watson for John Wilkinson (Broseley) to Boulton & Watt (Soho). 6 Mar. 1795.
6. Letter. Richard Watson for John Wilkinson (Broseley) to Boulton & Watt (Soho). 7 Mar. 1795.
7. Letter. Richard Watson for John Wilkinson (Broseley) to Boulton & Watt (Soho). 8 Mar. 1795.
8. Letter. Richard Watson (Broseley) to Boulton & Watt (Soho). 11 Mar. 1795.
On the same sheet:
Memorandum. A List of Debtors to Bersham Works, Invoices thereof have been sent to Messrs. Boulton & Watt, the Amounts of which have not yet been paid or Accounted for.
9. Letter. Richard Watson for John Wilkinson (Broseley) to Boulton & Watt (Soho). 13 Mar. 1795.
10. Letter. Richard Watson for John Wilkinson (Broseley) to Boulton & Watt (Soho). 19 Mar. 1795.
11. Letter. John Wilkinson (Broseley) to James Watt (Heathfield). 27 Mar. 1795.
12. Letter. Richard Watson for John Wilkinson (Broseley) to Boulton & Watt (Soho). 29 Mar. 1795.
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Account. The New River Head Co. debtor to John Wilkinson. 24 Feb. 1795.

Transcripts of Correspondence, Memoranda etc.

13. Memorandum. Extracts from John Wilkinson's letters in 1779 about boring mills.
14. Memorandum. Memorandum at Harper's Hill. 22 Jan. 1784.
In Matthew Boulton's hand. Memorandum of meeting between Boulton, Watt and John Wilkinson concerning premiums.
15. Memorandum. Agreement between John Wilkinson and Matthew Boulton. Wolverhampton, 31 Mar. 1787.
Agreement for two engines, one for Bradley forge and one for a mill. Witnessed by Richard Crawshay and David Jebb.
16. Memorandum. Extracts from our Correspondence with J. Wilkinson.
Extracts from the following letters:
Boulton & Watt to John Wilkinson. 17 Jul. 1777.
John Wilkinson to Boulton & Watt. 29 Oct. 1788.
James Watt [?] to John Wilkinson. 4 Nov. 1788.
Boulton & Watt to John Wilkinson. 14 Nov. 1788.

17. Memorandum. Mr. Wilkinson's remarks on his own engines. 24 Dec. 1788.
In John Wilkinson's hand.
18. Memorandum. Brief summaries of letters from John Wilkinson to Boulton & Watt, 24 Jan. 1775—30 Jul. 1791. 2 sheets.
19. Transcripts. Copies of Boulton & Watt's letters to John Wilkinson. Feb.—Apr. 1795. 2 sheets.
Transcripts of five letters, as follows:
Boulton & Watt (London) to John Wilkinson. 26 Feb. 1795.
Boulton & Watt (Soho) to John Wilkinson. 8 Mar. 1795.
James Pearson for Boulton & Watt (Soho) to John Wilkinson. 12 Mar. 1795.
James Pearson for Boulton & Watt (Soho) to John Wilkinson. 18 Mar. 1795.
James Pearson for Boulton & Watt (Soho) to John Wilkinson. 3 Apr. 1795.
20. Draft of letter. Matthew Boulton [Soho] to John Wilkinson. — Mar. 1795.
Circa 22 Mar.
Docketed "Sketch of Mr. Boulton's letter to Mr. Wilkinson."
21. Draft of letter. James Watt [Heathfield] to John Wilkinson. — Mar. 1795. 2 sheets.
Circa 28 Mar.?
22. Memorandum. Statement of the Transactions that have taken place between John Wilkinson and Boulton & Watt. Sep. 1795. 3 sheets.
Memorandum detailing Boulton & Watt's involvement with Wilkinson from 1775 to 1792, quoting extracts from various letters and agreements.
23. Letter. James Watt (Glasgow) to James Watt Jr. (Soho). 17 Sep. 1795.
Docketed "About John Wilkinson and Minera account."
24. Letter. James Watt (Glasgow) to Matthew Boulton (Soho). 4 Oct. 1795.
Docketed "About John Wilkinson."
25. Memorandum. Relative to date of Mr. Wilkinson's engines.
Note of the dates the nozzles and the final articles were sent by Boulton & Watt for two engines at Snedshill and two engines at Bradley.
26. Memorandum. Observations on the Case Boulton & Watt and John Wilkinson. Nov. 1795. 2 sheets.
In James Watt's hand.
27. Memorandum. William Murdock's Memorandum of Engines at Work at Bradley. 3 Nov. 1795.
28. Transcript of letter. Boulton & Watt (Soho) to John Wilkinson (Castle Head). 12 Nov. 1795.
- 29a. Memorandum. Calculations of premiums owed on 4 Llynypanda engines, the Caemuneth engine and the Bradley engines.
Kept with (b) below.
Docketed "Copy of this paper delivered to Mr. John Wilkinson, Soho, 5 Aug. 1796."
- b. Memorandums. 5 Aug. 1796.
Notes about the premiums on the Snedshill and Bradley engines. For the meeting with Wilkinson?

Lists of Engines made by John Wilkinson.

30. Memorandum. List of engines made by Mr. Wilkinson with Boulton & Watt's consent.
Covers engines made from 1777 to 1783.
31. Memorandum. List of engines made by Mr. Wilkinson without the knowledge of Boulton & Watt.
Covers engines made from 1783 to 1794.
32. Memorandum. Sundry engines upon Boulton & Watt's principles made by Mr. Wilkinson at Bersham without Boulton & Watt's consent.
In James Watt's hand.
Docketed "Contraband engines by J. Wilkinson."
33. Memorandum. An Account of Sundry engines made at Bersham, by John Wilkinson's order for himself, as well as for other persons upon Boulton & Watt's plan; extracted from the Bersham Books. 28 Aug. 1795.
Docketed "Contraband engines by J. Wilkinson."
34. Memorandum. List of Engines made by John Wilkinson at Bersham for his own and other persons' uses, with and without our consent.
Covers engines made from 1776 to 1795.

Calculations of Premiums on John Wilkinson's Engines.

35. Letter. Matthew Boulton [Soho] to James Watt (Harper's Hill). — Dec. 1784.
Docketed "Memorandum of premium for Mr. Wilkinson's engines."
36. Memorandum. Mr. Pearson's Memorandum of Entry of Premiums for Snedshill & Bradley Blowing Engines, upon Boulton & Watt's Journal in 1784. 6 Sep. 1795.
37. Memorandum. Rough Calculation of Premiums of Mr. Wilkinson's Engines. 2 sheets.
38. Memorandum. Total of Premium paid by Mr. John Wilkinson from the commencement of our Connection up to the 6 Aug. 1796.
In James Watt Jr.'s hand?
39. Memorandum. Account of Premiums due to Boulton & Watt from Mr. John Wilkinson, for Engines erected by him for his own use. 1 Jan. 1796.
40. Memorandum. Account of Premiums due to Boulton & Watt from Engines erected by Mr. Wilkinson for the use of other persons. 1 Jan. 1796.
On the same sheet:
Memorandum. Premiums given up to Mr. John Wilkinson by Boulton & Watt.
41. Memorandum. Premiums given up to Mr. John Wilkinson from the beginning of our connection with him. [Circa 1 Jan. 1796.]
Memorandum not completed.
42. Memorandum. Note of various of John Wilkinson's engines including premium on the French forge engine. Not dated.
In James Watt's hand.

43. Calculations. Calculations of premiums [?] due on various of John Wilkinson's engines.
Not dated.
On the same sheet is a list of engines made by Wilkinson.

Accounts.

44. Memorandum. Sundry Accounts Current delivered by Messrs. Boulton & Watt to John Wilkinson. 1781—1784.
In James Pearson's hand.
Docketed "Statement of the balances of John Wilkinson's account."
45. Transcript of account. John Wilkinson in account current with Boulton & Watt for 1784.
In James Pearson's hand.
46. Transcript of account. John Wilkinson in account with Boulton & Watt, 1788—1791.
In James Pearson's hand.
Docketed "John Wilkinson's account current to January 1791."
47. Transcript of account. John Wilkinson in account with Boulton & Watt, 1793—1795.
In James Pearson's hand.
Docketed "John Wilkinson's account current with Boulton & Watt from 14 Jun. 1793 to 30 Sep. 1795."
48. Account. Boulton & Watt in account with John Wilkinson. 1784—1795.
Account of cylinders, boilers etc. made for Boulton & Watt at Bersham.
Docketed "Bersham account as stated by William Fawcett."
49. Memorandum. Remarks on Mr. Fawcett's Statement of the Bersham Account. [Circa Sep. 1795.]