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3/37 Letters to James Watt, James Watt Junior, Gregory Watt, 1799 (64 items)

1. Letter. M. R. Boulton (Soho) to James Watt Jr. (13 London St.). 4 Jan. 1799.
Docketed "Advice of Cornish documents. Estimates of small engines."
2. Letter. M. R. Boulton (Soho) to James Watt Jr. (London). 11 Jan. 1799.
Docketed "Drawing of sugar mill. Boring rods. Sutton & Co. Maltby & Co. Little engines."
3. Letter. M. R. Boulton (Soho) to James Watt Jr. (London). 17 Jan. 1799. 3 sheets.
Docketed "Meeting at Birmingham and negotiations respecting the Poor Rates. Lingard's boiler. Return of Murdock and Abraham from Leeds. Determination upon the boring mill wanted."
4. Letter. M. R. Boulton (Soho) to James Watt Jr. (London). 21 Jan. 1799. 2 sheets.
Docketed "Error in draft of Sutton & Co.'s agreement. Lingard's boiler. Maltby's engine. Determination about the boring mill wanted. Engine erectors wanted. Desertion of Salvatore and Jack Pearson."
- 5a. Letter. M. R. Boulton (Soho) to James Watt Jr. (13 London St.). 22 Jan. 1799.
*Enclosing (b) and (c) below.
Docketed "Enclosing estimate of boring rods. Application from Yates of Salford. Suspicion respecting Salvatore."*
- b. Letter. Joshua Horton (Tipton) to M. R. Boulton (Soho). 17 Jan. 1799.
Docketed "Horton's note of the cost of boring rods."
- c. Letter. Thomas Yates (155 Chapel St., Salford) to Boulton & Watt (Soho).
11 Jan. 1799.
6. Letter. M. R. Boulton (Soho) to James Watt Jr. (13 London St.). 27 Jan. 1799.
Docketed "Rejoicing at Soho upon the success of our cause in King's Bench."
7. Letter. M. R. Boulton (Soho) to James Watt Jr. (13 London St.). 30 Jan. 1799. 2 sheets.
Docketed "Letters from and to Shadwell. John Price's debt. Suspicion of Punshon. Engine erectors wanted etc. Apprentices in the Counting House. Lingard's boiler and sun and planet wheels."
8. Letter. M. R. Boulton (Soho) to James Watt Jr. (13 London St.). 31 Jan. 1799.
Docketed "Lingard & Co.'s wheels and boiler. Sutton & Co.'s drawings. Paror & Co.'s materials and the weight of brass cocks. Detection of coiners."
9. Letter. M. R. Boulton (Soho) to James Watt Jr. (—). 1 Feb. 1799. 2 sheets.
*The docket is on a separate wrapper.
Docketed "Want of engine erectors. Proposal for including erection in our contracts. Improvement in our smiths' work. Application of the endless screw to A. P. lathe. Indifferent state of the work at Foundry."*
10. Letter. M. R. Boulton (Soho) to James Watt Jr. (13 London St.). 4 Feb. 1799.
Titled "Blunder-busses" by M. R. Boulton. Docketed "Mistake about the blunderbusses for the Chief Justice."

- 11a.** Letter. M. R. Boulton (Soho) to James Watt Jr. (13 London St.). 7 Feb. 1799.
Enclosing (b) below.
Docketed "New prices. Iron connecting rods. Lingard's engine."
- b.** Letter. M. R. Boulton for Boulton & Watt (Soho) to Lingard & Were (—). 6 Feb. 1799.
- 12.** Letter. M. R. Boulton (Soho) to James Watt Jr. (13 London St.). 10 Feb. 1799. 2 sheets.
Docketed "Upon the question of surrender."
- 13.** Letter. M. R. Boulton (Soho) to James Watt Jr. (13 London St.). 11 Feb. 1799.
Docketed "With copy of deed for Lingard & Were. Sum £660. Schedule for Sutton & Co. Sum £391. Rennie's order for a 2 horse engine."
- 14.** Letter. M. R. Boulton (Soho) to James Watt Jr. (13 London St.). 12 Feb. 1799.
Docketed "Warehouse for little engines. Remarks on diminishing estimates. Drawing instruments wanted."
- 15.** Letter. M. R. Boulton (Soho) to James Watt Jr. (13 London St.). 20 Feb. 1799.
- 16.** Letter. M. R. Boulton (London St.) to Gregory Watt (Soho). 26 Feb. 1799.
Docketed "Estimate for Mr. Stein. Cylinder for Herald. Parliamentary application. Pearson's indentures. Appearance of Salvador in London St."
- 17.** Letter. M. R. Boulton (London St.) to Gregory Watt (Soho). 8 Mar. 1799.
Docketed "His journey to Cornwall."
- 18.** Letter. M. R. Boulton (London St.) to James Watt Jr. (Soho). 14 Mar. 1799.
Docketed as 13 Mar.
Docketed "Cannot catch runaways. Weston has not settled for costs. Deriabin's order for copying machines [for Russia]. Draft of Spedding & Co. not presented to Mrs. Matthews."
- 19.** Letter. M. R. Boulton (London St.) to James Watt Jr. (Soho). 18 Mar. 1799.
Docketed "Apprehension of Dilworth. Mr. Boulton's indisposition. Directions for forwarding goods to Mr. Deriabin."
- 20.** Letter. M. R. Boulton (Truro) to James Watt (Heathfield). 28 Mar. 1799.
On the same sheet:
Memorandum. "Brewery" (Results of M. R. Boulton's investigations of the premises and books of the brewery part-owned by Thomas Wilson).
Docketed "Statement of Wilson's property and debt to Boulton & Watt."
- 21.** Letter. M. R. Boulton (Truro) to James Watt Jr. (Soho). 30 Mar. 1799. 2 sheets.
Docketed "Ferment in Cornwall about lowering the price of copper. Meeting with Harris etc. Difficulty of delivering some accounts. State of Murdock's mining concerns. Boring rods for J. Williams. Specimens of coin wanted."
- 22.** Letter. M. R. Boulton (Truro) to James Watt Jr. (Soho). 4 Apr. 1799. 2 sheets.
Docketed "Journey to the West. Eulogium on Giddy. State of opinion in Cornwall. Machinations of Grylls. Proposals of Trevithick – reflections upon them."
- 23.** Letter. M. R. Boulton (Truro) to James Watt Jr. (Soho). 6 Apr. 1799. 2 sheets.
On the first sheet:
Memorandum. Resolutions of a meeting re. Boulton & Watt's action against William Harris and adventurers of Wheal Crenver and Oatfield Mine. 6 Apr. 1799.
Docketed "Copy of Crenver resolutions. Proceedings of Harris. General reflections. Visit from Daniell. Papers wanted."
- 24.** Letter. M. R. Boulton (Truro) to James Watt Jr. (Soho). 10 Apr. 1799. 2 sheets.
Docketed as 9 Apr.

Docketed "Delivery of sundry accounts. Hallamanin. Visit to Harris and meanness of that personage. Visit to Wheal Abraham. Visit to Borlase and meeting with purser of Wheal Rose. New quibble of the Bullites. Deriabin's copying machines."

25. Letter. M. R. Boulton (Truro) to James Watt (Heathfield). 11 Apr. 1799.
Docketed "Upon the loan to Wilson."

26. Letter. M. R. Boulton (Truro) to James Watt Jr. (Soho). 17 Apr. 1799. 2 sheets.
Docketed "Attends at meeting of Consolidated Mines. Conference with Daniell and proposals made on both sides. Pleas urged by Daniell and quibbles upon Consolidated agreement. Mr. Thomas informed that our law proceedings will not be suspended. Reasons urged for abatements. Dissentions among adventurers. Applications to sundry people. Horse."

27. Letter. M. R. Boulton (Truro) to James Watt Jr. (13 London St.). 19 Apr. 1799.
Docketed "Crenver and consols proposal rejected. General pleas intended to be urged against our demands. Morcam's malice and Mr. Grylls' candour and civility."

28. Transcripts. Three transcripts on the same sheet, as follows:
Memorandum. Report of a meeting of the Committee of Wheal Crenver Adventurers, Redruth, 19 Apr. 1799.
Letter. M. R. Boulton (Truro) to the Wheal Crenver Adventurers. 19 Apr. 1799.
Letter. R. A. Daniell (Truro) to M. R. Boulton [Truro]. 21 Apr. 1799.
Sent by M. R. Boulton to James Watt Jr. at 13 London St. on 21 Apr. 1799.
Docketed "Resolution of Wheal Crenver adventurers. Answer thereto by M. R. Boulton. Mr. Daniell's letter and proposal."

29. Letter. M. R. Boulton (Truro) to James Watt Jr. (13 London St.). 22 Apr. 1799.
Docketed "Necessity of vigour over law proceedings. Embarrassments of the Wheal Crenver adventurers. Proposal of Mr. Daubery and intended journey. Daniell advances his offer – his intended journey to Bath."

30. Letter. M. R. Boulton (Truro) to James Watt (Heathfield). 23 Apr. 1799.
Docketed "Wilson agrees to our last proposals for settlement of his debt. Repeats Harris and Daniell's proposals. Actions proper to be commenced."

31. Letter. M. R. Boulton (Truro) to James Watt Jr. (13 London St.). 23 Apr. 1799.
Docketed "Particulars of agreement with Herland. State of that mine. New Wheal Treasure account. Wheal Gons account. Consolidated agreement to be returned."

32. Letter. M. R. Boulton (Truro) to Gregory Watt (Soho). 24 Apr. 1799.
Docketed "About the state of Charles Wilson's health. Cornish affairs."

33. Letter. M. R. Boulton (Truro) to James Watt Jr. (13 London St.). 25 Apr. 1799.
Docketed "Caution about sealing letters. Suspension of hostilities till decision on the venue is known."

34. Letter. M. R. Boulton (Truro) to James Watt Jr. (13 London St.). 26 Apr. 1799.
Docketed "Daniell's perplexities. Modes of evading payment of premium. Inclusion of United Mines. Bad usage of Murdock."

35. Letter. M. R. Boulton (Truro) to James Watt Jr. (13 London St.). 27 Apr. 1799.
Docketed "Intended proposal to Daniell. Is to dine with Thomas. Intends further delivery of account to Harris. Ores and costs at Consolidated Mines – protest at ditto. Douglas' premises."

36. Letter. M. R. Boulton (Truro) to James Watt Jr. (13 London St.). 29 Apr. 1799. 2 sheets.
On the second sheet:

Transcript of memorandum. Engines erected by Bull – names of the mines and the adventurers. — Nov. 1794.

Docketed "List of adventurers in sundry mines. Proposed allowance to Old Wheal Treasure adventurers. Difficulty of obtaining affidavits. Reed's refusal to pay for Balcoath."

37. Letter. M. R. Boulton (Truro) to James Watt Jr. (13 London St.). 4 May 1799.

Docketed "Interviews with Harris and with Thomas about Wheal Crenver. Intended meeting of Crenver to make fresh proposals. Offers for Wheal Anne. Offers for Wheal Abraham. Proposed meeting of Wheal Gons and Wheal Treasury. Rawe's nonchalance. Policy of douceur to Daniell."

38. Letter. M. R. Boulton (Truro) to James Watt Jr. (Soho). 5 May 1799.

Docketed "His arrangements on the income tax. Proceedings in Cornwall. Daniell's consultation."

39. Letter. M. R. Boulton (Truro) to James Watt Jr. (Soho). 9 May 1799.

Docketed "Terms upon which he conceives it probable a compromise may be effected."

40a. Letter. M. R. Boulton (Truro) to James Watt Jr. (Soho). 16 May 1799.

Enclosing (b) below.

Docketed "United Mines proposals. Proceedings in Cornwall. Proposal relative to Murdock. Memorial from United Mines."

b. Transcript of memorandum. United Mines resolutions by order of the Adventurers.
13 May 1799.

The original was signed by George Simmons.

41. Letter. M. R. Boulton (Truro) to James Watt (Soho). 20 May 1799.

Not dated – date taken from the docket. The outside of the letter is directed to Gregory Watt. Docketed "Conclusion with the Adventurers of Wheal Crenver."

42a. Letter. M. R. Boulton (Truro) to James Watt (Soho). 25 May 1799.

Enclosing (b) below.

Docketed "Enclosing bills from the adventurers of Wheal Crenver. Difficulties which occurred in closing that negotiation."

b. Transcripts. Two transcripts on the same sheet, as follows:

Transcript of one bill and list of the other five sent to Boulton & Watt, 25 May 1799.

Transcript of M. R. Boulton's receipt. 25 May 1799.

In Thomas Wilson's hand.

43a. Letter. M. R. Boulton (Truro) to James Watt (Heathfield). 31 May 1799.

Enclosing (b) below.

b. Transcripts. Two transcripts on the same sheet, as follows:

Memorandum. Terms of agreement made between William Hore on behalf of R. A. Daniell and the other adventurers in the Consolidated Mines, and Robinson Boulton on behalf of Messrs. Boulton & Watt. 30 May 1799.

Memorandum. Calculations for offers of terms to different mines.

In Thomas Wilson's hand.

Docketed "Compromise with Daniell. Terms proposed for the remaining recusants."

44. Letter. M. R. Boulton (Truro) to James Watt Jr. (Soho). 7 Jun. 1799. 2 sheets.

Docketed "Advises not to relinquish our mining concerns for the present. Sums proposed by sundry mines. Knavery of Andrew Vivian. Thoughts upon the propriety of his leaving Cornwall. Wishes to proceed against Hallamanin and Crazies Wood."

45. Letter. M. R. Boulton (Truro) to James Watt (Heathfield). 8 Jun. 1799.
Docketed "United Mines offer £10,000 and desire it may be referred to Boulton & Watt. Upon the claims of Mr. Edwards and other adventurers in Wheal Gons to concessions."

46. Letter. Thomas Wilson (Truro) to Boulton & Watt (Soho). 13 Jun. 1799.
The letter is docketed as M. R. Boulton, who added a postscript to Wilson's letter and addressed the outside of the letter to James Watt Jr.
Docketed "Bills for £8092.14.9 in full from Consolidated Mines."

47. Letter. M. R. Boulton (Truro) to James Watt Jr. (Soho). 16 Jun. 1799. 2 sheets.
Docketed "His opinion upon new buildings at Foundry. Expediency of settling with United Mines upon the terms proposed. Interview with Harris. Explanation of the protest at Consolidated Mines. Present to Mr. Edwards."

48a. Letter. M. R. Boulton (Truro) to James Watt Jr. (Soho). 19 Jun. 1799.
Enclosing (b) below.
Docketed "Settlement with United Mines. Considerations upon settling for the residue of the premiums with other mines."

b. Memorandum (press copy). Terms of agreement made between James William's and George Simmons on behalf of the adventurers in United Mines, and Robinson Boulton on behalf of Boulton & Watt. — Jun. 1799.

49. Letter. M. R. Boulton (Truro) to James Watt Jr. (Soho). 26 Jun. 1799.
On the same sheet:

Letter. Thomas Wilson (Truro) to Boulton & Watt (Soho). 26 Jun. 1799.
Transcript of memorandum. Protest by the adventurers of Consolidated Mines.
Docketed "Protest of Consolidated Adventurers. Altercation with Harris."

50. Letter. M. R. Boulton (Truro) to James Watt Jr. (Soho). 3 Jul. 1799. 2 sheets.
Docketed "Settlement with Wheal Gons. Necessity of legal measures with the smaller mines. Hallamanin. Wheal Anne – Chancery proceedings recommended. Godolphin – limitation act. Jonathan Hornblower's piracies. New drum engine at Wheal Unity and new engine at Tincroft. New engine at Godolphin adit formerly a Hornblower at Wheal Providence. Wishes final [?]. List of Hallamanin adventurers."

51. Letter. M. R. Boulton (Truro) to James Watt Jr. (Soho). 12 Jul. 1799.
Docketed "List of Hornblower's engines and considerations upon the propriety of attacking them. Upon purchase of premium at Wheal Fortune. Offer of service from Count Warren Junior."

52. Letter. M. R. Boulton (Truro) to James Watt (Heathfield). 13 Jul. 1799.
Docketed "Chiefly upon the mortgage of Wilson's brewery etc. Consideration upon the purchase of premium for remainder of term."

53. Letter. M. R. Boulton (Truro) to James Watt Jr. (Soho). 15 Jul. 1799.
Docketed "Wishes for estimate etc. for double 63 inch for Wheal Prosper."

54a. Letter. M. R. Boulton (Helston) to James Watt Jr. (Soho). "Wednesday" [17 Jul. 1799].
Enclosing (b) below.
Docketed "Particulars of pumps at Wheal Prosper. List of engines to be made by Trevithick. Rival engineers in Cornwall."

b. Memorandum. Engines undertaken by Capt. Trevithick and for which he wishes to agree with Boulton & Watt.

55. Letter. M. R. Boulton (Truro) to James Watt (Heathfield). 21 Jul. 1799.
On the same sheet:
Transcript of letter. John Williams (Scorrier) to M. R. Boulton [Truro]. 12 Jul. 1799.
Docketed "Notice of Mr. Williams coming to Soho upon the Polgive and Wheal Fortune affairs."

56. Letter. M. R. Boulton (Truro) to James Watt Jr. (Soho). 22 Jul. 1799. 2 sheets.
Docketed "Murdock's shares in the mines. Wilson's commission. Settlement of Wheal Treasure. Wheal Rose adventurers. Trevithick's offer for Wheal Prosper. Considerations upon the engines of Hornblower. Wants estimate for Mr. Daubuz."
57. Letter. M. R. Boulton (Truro) to James Watt Jr. (Soho). 1 Aug. 1799. 3 sheets.
Docketed "Wilson & Co.'s securities. Remittances from Wheal Gons and Wheal Treasure. Settlement with Wheal Anne. Carzize Wood, Wheal Abraham and Hallamanin. Wheal Prosper. Murdock's mining concerns. Rennie's journey to Cornwall. Hornblower's premium. Refund to Consolidated Mines. Present to Mr. Edwards."
58. Letter. Thomas Wilson (Truro) to Boulton & Watt (Soho). 1 Aug. 1799.
Docketed "Mr. Wilson, say Mr. R. Boulton. Enclosing bills for £698 in full from Wheal Anne."
59. Letter. M. R. Boulton (Truro) to James Watt Jr. (Soho). 9 Aug. 1799.
Docketed "Procuring information about Hornblower's engines – wishes for Davies Giddy's assistance. Present to Mr. Edwards."
60. Letter. M. R. Boulton (Truro) to James Watt Jr. [Soho]. 26 Aug. 1799.
*The docket is on a separate wrapper.
Docketed "Mr. Trevenon appointed by Wheal Abraham adventurers. Penrose's procrastination. Wheal Rose renew their proposal of a reference. Mode of stating accounts against Hornblower's engines. Murdock's account with John Williams. Proposal for purchasing his shares in Godolphin etc."*
61. Letter. M. R. Boulton (Truro) to James Watt Jr. (care of Dr. Beddoes, Clifton).
3 Sep. 1799.
Docketed "Survey of Hornblower's engines by Mr. Rennie. Waits for Weston's opinion respecting demands on Hornblower. Penrose's delay. Settlement with Wheal Abraham. Settlement with Carzize Wood."
62. Letter. M. R. Boulton (Truro) to James Watt Jr. (care of Dr. Beddoes, Clifton).
6 Sep. 1799.
*Re-directed to James Watt Jr. at Messrs. Homfray's, Penydarren, then to Merthyr, then to Soho.
Docketed "Suggestion respecting Winwood. Weston's instructions not received. Intention of going to London."*
63. Letter. M. R. Boulton (Truro) to Gregory Watt (Soho). 10 Sep. 1799.
Docketed "Wanting estimates. Proposes leaving Cornwall."
64. Letter. M. R. Boulton (Truro) to Gregory Watt (Soho). 19 Sep. 1799.
Docketed "Remitting bills from Goldolphin, Wheal Abraham and Hallamanin."

3/38 Letters to James Watt Junior, Gregory Watt, 1800 (22 items)

1. Letter. M. R. Boulton (Soho) to James Watt Jr. (—). 29 Jan. 1800.
Docketed "Advice of forwarding models and papers respecting Hornblowers."
2. Letter. M. R. Boulton (Soho) to James Watt Jr. (—). 31 Jan. 1800.
Docketed "Intention of coming to Town."
3. Letter. M. R. Boulton (London St.) to Gregory Watt (Soho). 6 Feb. 1800.
Docketed "Wanting weight of a 30 horse engine and freight to Bristol."

- 4.** Letter. M. R. Boulton (London) to Gregory Watt (Soho). 12 Feb. 1800.
On the same sheet:
Letter. James Watt Jr. (London) to Gregory Watt (Soho). 12 Feb. 1800.
Transcript of letter. James Watt Jr. for Boulton & Watt (London) to Leeming Myers & Co. (Preston). 12 Feb. 1800.
Mis-dated as 12 Jan. by M. R. Boulton.
Docketed "Wanting correspondence relative to mahogany. Tuffen's narrow escape. Copy of letter to Leeming & Jackson."
- 5.** Letter. M. R. Boulton (London St.) to James Watt Jr. (Soho). 22 Jul. 1800.
Docketed "Weston's occupation and change of opinion. State of Bowman and [?]. Non-arrival of materials. Dayus in want of hands. Accounts not transferred."
- 6.** Letter. M. R. Boulton (London) to James Watt Jr. (Soho). 25 Jul. 1800. 2 sheets.
Docketed as 26 Jul.
Docketed "His Russian journey deferred. Birmingham discountenanced by Ministry. Little attention paid by Weston to Cornish concerns. Comments on Van Liender's letter. Rival engineers in London. Proposed engagement with Dayus."
- 7.** Letter. M. R. Boulton (London) to James Watt Jr. (Soho). 30 Jul. 1800.
Docketed "Proposal for vesting the capital in Mrs. Matthews' hands in Navy bills. J. Weston coming to Soho. Ambrose Weston proposes taking joint apartments in the Temple."
- 8.** Letter. M. R. Boulton (London) to James Watt Jr. (Soho). 31 Jul. 1800.
Docketed "Non-arrival of goods for West India Dock. Rennie's expected order for an 80 horse engine. Hands wanted for Dayus. Intended journey to Cornwall. Papers wanted. Lawson's amours."
- 9.** Letter. M. R. Boulton (Truro) to James Watt Jr. (Soho). 11 Aug. 1800.
Docketed "Unpleasant journey. Wants Hornblower's diagram."
- 10.** Letter. M. R. Boulton (Truro) to James Watt Jr. (Soho). 13 Aug. 1800.
Docketed "Absence of great men. Conference with Rendle. Conference with Bailey. Their demand. Reflections on it."
- 11.** Letter. M. R. Boulton (Truro) to Gregory Watt (Soho). 18 Aug. 1800.
Docketed "Wants copy of diagram. List of papers of which he stands in need. Interview with some of the grandees."
- 12.** Letter. M. R. Boulton (Truro) to Gregory Watt (Soho). 30 Aug. 1800.
Docketed "Remittance from Herland. Negotiations with the Hornblowers. Offer of £1500 from Wheal Unity."
- 13.** Letter. M. R. Boulton (Truro) to Gregory Watt (—). 1 Sep. 1800.
Docketed "Wanting estimate. North Downs to be stopped. Poldice to be recommenced."
- 14.** Letter. M. R. Boulton (Truro) to Gregory Watt (Soho). 1 Oct. 1800.
Docketed "Advice of his settlement with Wheal Unity, Tincroft and Tresavean and Baldue and enclosing bills from them. Wheal Margaret and the Wherry hold out. Their intended meeting and measures recommended to be adopted with them. Payment of goods – United Mines."
- 15.** Letter. M. R. Boulton (Truro) to Gregory Watt (Soho). 1 Oct. 1800.
Docketed "Enclosing sundry bills from Wheal Unity and Tincroft."
- 16. Letter.** M. R. Boulton (Truro) to James Watt Jr. (Soho). 7 Oct. 1800.
Docketed "Approves of sketch of proposals to Lawson. Agrees to reinforcements at Foundry. Wheal Margaret meeting deferred. Capadey escapes his pursuers."

17. Letter. M. R. Boulton (Truro) to James Watt Jr. (Soho). 11 Oct. 1800. 2 sheets.

On the second sheet:

Transcript of memorandum. Mr. Edwards' Opinions etc.

Docketed "Meeting of Wheal Unity and Wheal Margaret and partial settlement rejected. Considerations on measures to be pursued with the Minorities. Meeting of Wheal Pool adventurers negatory. Recommends proceedings against them. Offer made by Wallis for Goldolphin. Wants estimates of a 24 and 36 inch single engine for Daniell and others. Edwards' opinion upon the probable result of an application to the Vice-Warden's court by Wherry adventurers."

18. Letter. M. R. Boulton (Truro) to James Watt Jr. (Soho). 12 Oct. 1800.

Docketed "Proposal of Mr. Daubuz to try the Vice-Warden's court. Letter to Weston respecting recusants. Hornblower's pusillanimity, absurdity and disgrace."

19. Letter. M. R. Boulton (Truro) to James Watt Jr. (Soho). 21 Oct. 1800.

Docketed "New meeting of Wheal Pool adventurers and claim of Limitation Statute. Mr. Stockdale's shares in Consolidated Mines."

20. Letter. M. R. Boulton (Truro) to James Watt Jr. (Soho). 28 Oct. 1800.

On the same sheet:

Transcripts of four letters, as follows:

John B. Bayley (Plymouth) to Thomas Wilson [Truro]. 6 Oct. 1800.

Thomas Wilson (Truro) to John B. Bayley [Plymouth]. 16 Oct. 1800.

John B. Bayley (Plymouth) to Thomas Wilson [Truro]. 18 Oct. 1800.

Thomas Wilson (Truro) to John B. Bayley [Plymouth]. 24 Oct. 1800.

Docketed "Correspondence with Bayley. Remarks and suggestions on the Wherry affair. Godolphin. No forgers to be expected from Cornwall."

21. Letter. M. R. Boulton (Truro) to James Watt Jr. (Soho). 29 Oct. 1800.

Docketed "Daubuz etc. lukewarm. Consideration respecting agreements with the willing adventurers. List of adventurers sent to Weston. Writs to be served upon the refractory ones. Query as to giving up the action against Hornblowers."

22. Letter. M. R. Boulton (Truro) to James Watt Jr. (Soho). 30 Oct. 1800.

Docketed "Advice of payments from East Pell, Wheal Providence, Wheal Tregothnan, Baldue and Lostwithiel adventurers. Remittance of £521.18.8 from Wilson."

3/39 Letters to James Watt Junior, 1801 (20 items)

3/40 Letters to James Watt Junior, 1802 (17 items)

1. Letter. M. R. Boulton (London St.) to James Watt Jr. (Soho). 5 Jan. 1802.

Mis-dated by M. R. Boulton as 1801.

Docketed "State of Mrs. Matthews' health. Woodward and Mosley have her power of attorney. Thinks that business may be transacted with them as usual. Favourable report of Mr. Stewart."

2. Letter. M. R. Boulton (London) to James Watt Jr. (Soho). 7 Jan. 1802. 2 sheets.

Docketed "Very doubtful of the state of Mrs. Matthews. Weston proposing a banking connection with Boddington Sharp & Tuffen. Objections to it. Bankers' general terms for transacting country business. Down Thornton & Co.'s repulsive answer. Woodward and Mosley desirous of remaining connected with us. Bills to be sent to Woodward on suspense account."

3. Letter. M. R. Boulton (London) to James Watt Jr. (Soho). 8 Jan. 1802.

The address and docket are on a separate wrapper.

Docketed "Dr. Babington reports Mrs. Matthews' case hopeless. Proposal of transacting business temporarily with Woodward and Mosley. Thinks Mrs. Vere should appoint one of us her attorney."

4. Letter. M. R. Boulton (London) to James Watt Jr. (Soho). 9 Jan. 1802.
Docketed "Death of Mrs. Matthews. Arrangements about her will and funeral. Proposes that we should draw upon his father. Weston wishes to see Gott's brief versus Bramah."
5. Letter. M. R. Boulton (London) to James Watt Jr. (Soho). 12 Jan. 1802.
Docketed "Receipt of bill £300. Procuration to be given to Woodward. Particulars of Mrs. Matthews' will. Disposition of the executors to pay off our balance. Lodgement of bills proposed in Down & Co.'s hands. Wishes William D. Brown's opinion upon the project."
- 6a. Letter. M. R. Boulton (—) to James Watt Jr. (Rookery). "Tuesday Evening" [8 Jun. 1802].
Docketed "Enclosing letter from Mr. Clarke, respecting the assault upon Davison."
- b. Letter. N. G. [?] Clarke (Brown's Green) to M. R. Boulton (—). "Tuesday Afternoon" [8 Jun. 1802].
7. Letter. M. R. Boulton (Soho) to James Watt Jr. [Leeds]. 11 Jun. 1802.
*The address has been torn away.
Docketed "Dixon not returned. Account of James Law's proceedings."*
8. Letter. M. R. Boulton (Soho) to James Watt Jr. (—). 16 Jun. 1802.
*The docket is on a separate wrapper.
Docketed "Returning Hughes' indentures with Mr. Lane's warrant. Conduct of Dixon and old Hughes. Sentiments upon proceedings at Leeds."*
9. Letter. M. R. Boulton (Soho) to James Watt Jr. (at G. Lee's, Salford). 21 Jun. 1802. 2 sheets.
Docketed "Narrative of proceedings against Hughes and his son. Three other apprentices upon the point of absconding. General ferment among the workmen in Wales etc."
10. Letter. M. R. Boulton (Soho) to James Watt Jr. (care of G. Lee, Salford). 24 Jun. 1802.
Docketed "Hughes' disgrace among his shopmates. His son not partial to Leeds. Order from Daintry Ryle & Co. Scarth Marshall & Co.'s piston rod."
11. Letter. M. R. Boulton (Soho) to James Watt Jr. (29 Norfolk St., Strand, London). 21 Nov. 1802.
Docketed "Straw Paper Co. accede to our proposal of taking back the engine, but require a month for the payment. Death of Mrs. Keir."
12. Letter. M. R. Boulton (Soho) to James Watt Jr. (29 Norfolk St., Strand, London). 23 Nov. 1802.
Docketed "Copy of proposal to Straw Paper Co. Copy of observations on Mr. Murray's patent. Gravesend Tunnel account. Fishwick suspends the order for his engine. Dayus to furnish sundry particulars. Expense of the repairs in London Street."
13. Letter. M. R. Boulton (Soho) to James Watt Jr. (29 Norfolk St., Strand, London). 29 Nov. 1802.
Docketed "Mr. Southern to write respecting Chelsea Water Works. Parcel sent with drawings of nozzles and eccentric circles. Fishwick has sent no answer. Thinks Koops Tate & Co.'s engine may be safely recommended to Peckover & Bellamy. Lawson set out upon his return. Creighton's want of energy in business. Letter from Grimshaw & Co."
14. Letter. M. R. Boulton (Soho) to James Watt Jr. (29 Norfolk St., Strand, London). 1 Dec. 1802.
Docketed "Thinks we may undertake the order for the Isle of Dogs. Estimate to be sent soon. Hereford Flour Co. decline giving an answer until the 23rd inst. Easterby & Hall decline parting with their 20 horse engine to Hawkes & Co. New order for 20 horse engines."

15. Letter. M. R. Boulton (Soho) to James Watt Jr. (29 Norfolk St., Strand, London).
5 Dec. 1802.
Docketed "Mr. Southern does not intend coming to Town at present. Time necessary for the preparation of split nozzles."

16. Letter. M. R. Boulton (Soho) to James Watt Jr. (29 Norfolk St., Strand, London).
6 Dec. 1802.
Docketed "Estimate of Isle of Dogs forwarded to Mr. Rennie. Orders from Strutt and Parkes. Estimate of 14 horse cylinder for Hawkes & Co. Remarks upon receiving back William Cox and Salvatore Viaggio."

17. Letter. M. R. Boulton (Soho) to James Watt Jr. (29 Norfolk St., Strand, London).
7 Dec. 1802.
Docketed "Correction of the estimate for Hawkes & Co.'s 14 horse cylinder."

3/41 Letters to James Watt Junior, Gregory Watt, 1803 (25 items)

1. Letter. M. R. Boulton (Manchester) to James Watt Jr. (Soho). 20 Mar. 1803.
Docketed "Defects of working gear in Houldsworth's engine – proposed remedy. Dixon & Co.'s engine not free from shake. Visit to Murray's new engine at Bolton. Vickers & Tedstill will have their engine finished in a few days. Proposes Pearson and Wright to erect the Radford Cotton Co.'s. Order for S. Bridge – 30 horse. Order for Buchan & Shaw – 20 horse. Order for Jessie Howard – 6 horse. To settle about the cold water pumps and inform us."

2. Letter. M. R. Boulton (Manchester) to James Watt Jr. (Soho). 23 Mar. 1803.
Docketed "Precarious situation of Scarth Marshall & Co. who will take the 45 horse proposed for Tredegar Co. S. Bridge alters his order to a 60 horse. Bennet determines on a 32 horse. Aston's engine to start on Friday. W. Wright to be sent to Radford in a day or two."

3. Letter. M. R. Boulton (London St.) to James Watt Jr. (Soho). 1 Jun. 1803.
Docketed "Has entered into Recognisance for the costs of the Scire Facias against Murray, which will be immediately sent off. Weston's advise Schofield's effects to be taken in execution etc."

4. Letter. M. R. Boulton (London) to James Watt Jr. (Soho). 13 Jun. 1803.
Docketed "Proposes leaving Town for Wisbeach and Boston. Will settle respecting the destination of John Brunton, Shakespear and Poole. Dayus to go to Manchester and return by Soho. Dayus has taken a new house with the intention of opening a shop and has already begun to supply our customers. Weston desirous of receiving the models and digest of the evidence. Murray's agent offers us the use of his inventions."

5. Letter. M. R. Boulton (Soho) to James Watt Jr. (13 London St.). 24 Jun. 1803.
Docketed "Murdock not returned. Will put the models into hand as soon as he comes."

6. Letter. M. R. Boulton (Soho) to James Watt Jr. (13 London St.). 26 Jun. 1803.
Docketed "Observations on Murray's offer to admit us to use his patents. Murdock repairing Spode's engine – bad account of it. Heath has ordered two of Trevithick's. Wilkes & Co. have remitted in full. Alston's report of the badness of trade at Manchester. Visit from Prince of Esterhazy."

7. Letter. M. R. Boulton (Soho) to James Watt Jr. (care of Philips Wood & Lee, Manchester).
28 Jun. 1803. 2 sheets.
Docketed "Enclosing Mr. Candlish's acceptance for £852.18. Proposes taking twist from Houldsworth. Dayus upon his return to Town – seems unwilling to relinquish his shop. John Brunton paying his addresses to a ward of Mr. Swinburn at Derby."

- 8.** Letter. M. R. Boulton (Soho) to James Watt Jr. (care of Philips Wood & Lee, Manchester). 30 Jun. 1803.
Docketed "P. Marsland's account. Receipt of bills from Daintry & Ryle. W. Wright has a balance owing to him which is proposed to be paid at Manchester. Tait & Co. of Dowlais apply for an estimate of a rolling mill engine. Case of Murray received and revised."
- 9.** Letter. M. R. Boulton (Soho) to James Watt Jr. (—). 10 Jul. 1803.
Docketed "Proposes the paragraph respecting Murray's trial to be inserted in some of the periodical publications. Reflections on Murray's defeat."
- 10.** Letter. M. R. Boulton (Soho) to James Watt Jr. (13 London St.). 13 Jul. 1803.
Docketed "Dispute at Wisbeach between John Brunton and Rennie's men. De Tastet's brother upon a visit wishing to see the Manufactory."
- 11.** Letter. M. R. Boulton (Soho) to James Watt Jr. (13 London St.). 15 Jul. 1803.
Docketed "The curtailed statement of the proceedings versus Murray approved of at Soho. Letter from Mr. Kershaw respecting nozzles ordered for him by Thomas Livesey. Arrival of Southern and Murdock with parts of Symonds' engine."
- 12.** Letter. M. R. Boulton (Soho) to James Watt Jr. (care of Coates & Co., Hull). 20 Jul. 1803.
Docketed "Betts and Partridge have absconded. Moseley to be discarded. Tyne Iron Co. give up their engine. William Harrison's absence likely to retard our progress in the execution of orders. Halliday & Co. apply for a man to erect their engine. Letters from Mr. Clegg and his nephew. Account with Brooke & Pease. Heat of the weather."
- 13a.** Letter. M. R. Boulton (Soho) to James Watt Jr. (care of Philips Wood & Lee, Manchester). 26 Jul. 1803.
Enclosing (b) below.
Docketed "Apprehension of Betts and alternatives to be offered him. Leach's thievery and proposed mode of punishing him. Enclosing copy of Murray's advertisement with suggestion for an answer. Murdock's intended expedition to Scotland."
- b.** Cutting from *The Star*. Letter of Matthew Murray to the editor, 19 Jul. 1803.
Titled "Patent Steam Engine Manufactory."
- 14.** Letter. M. R. Boulton (Soho) to James Watt Jr. (care of Philips Wood & Lee, Manchester). 1 Aug. 1803.
The address and docket are on a separate wrapper. Docketed "Drawings sent to William Wilkinson. Enquiry about framing for sundries. Observations upon Hope's tenants' engine. Meeting at Handsworth for military preparations. The Smethwick meeting offers the command of their corps. Subscriptions made to our ward in London and proposed subscription at Lloyd's."
- 15.** Letter. M. R. Boulton (Soho) to James Watt Jr. (care of Philips Wood & Lee, Manchester). 3 Aug. 1803.
Docketed "Advising of sundry accounts and schedules. Increase of price to Kenworthy & Brierley in consequence of the fly being on the first shaft. Executions against Schofield sent to Mr. Jones. Proposes bill of sale from McCandlish. Proposes Moilliet's order for twist to be executed by Houldsworth. Leach sent to town under escort of Mr. Lodge. My name upon the Grand Jury at Stafford and proposed meeting at the assizes there."
- 16.** Letter. M. R. Boulton (Soho) to James Watt Jr. (care of Philips Wood & Lee, Manchester). 3 Aug. 1803.
Docketed "Proposes a wooden teeth rim for P. Marsland's connecting wheel. Estimate of a 24 horse for Mr. Beaver. Expects an elopement of some of the apprentices."
- 17.** Letter. M. R. Boulton (Soho) to James Watt Jr. (care of Philips Wood & Lee, Manchester). 6 Aug. 1803.
Docketed "Walter Peters' bill returned not paid. Letter from Mr. Little respecting the debt of Kenton Colliery."

- 18.** Letter. M. R. Boulton (Soho) to James Watt Jr. (—). 13 Aug. 1803.
Docketed "Enclosing Woodwind's letter. Enclosing accounts against Spade. Wore countermands his order."
- 19.** Letter. M. R. Boulton (Soho) to James Watt Jr. (care of Philips Wood & Lee, Manchester). 15 Aug. 1803.
Docketed "Enclosing note of Kenton Colliery for £654.1.6 returned not paid. Proposes Lawson to go thither and Jones to be consulted. Thinks we are entitled to some indemnification from Mr. Wore."
- 20a.** Letter. M. R. Boulton (Soho) to James Watt Jr. (care of Philips Wood & Lee, Manchester). 17 Aug. 1803.
Enclosing (b) below.
Docketed "Recommends Lawson's going on to Scotland to collect the debts there owing. Encloses Creighton's letter of 13 August. Statement of Scotch accounts. Order from Mr. Fulton for sundry parts of an engine."
- b** Transcript of letter. William Creighton (Glasgow) to Boulton Watt & Co. [Soho]. 13 Aug. 1803. *Docketed "Sword Hayward & Co. are satisfied with the engine but decline settling at present. State of White's order and Wilson's engine. Perth Foundry engine started."*
- 21.** Letter. M. R. Boulton (Soho) to James Watt Jr. (care of Philips Wood & Lee, Manchester). 18 Aug. 1803.
Docketed "Application from Messrs. Fray Hole and Potter. Second circular from Sir J. H. Little respecting the debt of Kenton Colliery."
- 22.** Letter. M. R. Boulton (Soho) to James Watt Jr. (—). 22 Aug. 1803.
The docket is on a separate wrapper.
Docketed "Estimates of a 36 and 40 horse engine for the Ark Company. Mistake in Kenworthy's shaft. Observations on Reid Irving & Co.'s proposal. McGeorge's bill returned and copy of letter from him. Proposes some person to be authorized to act for us at Edinburgh. Glasgow accounts to be sent to Gregory. Perth account already sent to themselves."
- 23.** Letter. M. R. Boulton (Soho) to Gregory Watt (care of Gilbert Hamilton, Glasgow). 24 Aug. 1803.
Re-directed to Gregory Watt at the Post Office, Aberdeen, but returned to Gilbert Hamilton's. Docketed by Watt Jr.
- 24.** Letter. M. R. Boulton (Soho) to James Watt Jr. (care of Philips Wood & Lee, Manchester). 24 Aug. 1803.
Docketed "Time of forwarding sundry of the Manchester engines. Particulars of what passed at the Parish meeting respecting volunteers etc."
- 25.** Letter. M. R. Boulton (Soho) to James Watt Jr. (—). "Monday" [31 Oct. 1803].
On the same sheet:
Transcript of letter. Adam & George Murray (Manchester) to Boulton Watt & Co. [Soho]. 29 Oct. 1803.
Docketed as 1 Nov., which was a Tuesday. Address torn away.
Docketed "Has dispatched Mr. Hutton to learn what Lawson has done with the bills of A. & G. Murray deposited in his hands. William Wilkinson at Soho."

3/42 Letters to James Watt Junior, 1804-1807 (31 items)

1804.

1. Letter. M. R. Boulton (Soho) to James Watt Jr. (London St.). 5 Feb. 1804.
Docketed "Sir R. Smythe & Co. urge the completion of assignment. Time as mentioned for completion of Mr. Turner's 12 horse engine. Mr. Lawson's mission to South Wales not effectual."

2. Letter. M. R. Boulton (Soho) to James Watt Jr. (13 London St.). 9 Feb. 1804.
Docketed "Upon the mode of passing Woodward's salary etc. The consideration of an allowance for rent postponed. Walkers' of Rotherham order a blowing engine. Addenbrooke accepts our proposal for the small engine. Phyn Inglis & Co. impatient about their engine. Anomalous result of experiments with the dense steam engine. Cloth arrived from Mr. Austin."

3. Letter. M. R. Boulton (Soho) to James Watt Jr. (13 London St.). 4 May 1804.
On the same sheet:
Transcript of letter. Mr. — Watson (Birmingham) to Boulton Watt & Co. [Soho]. "Thursday Evening" [3 May 1803].
Forwarded to James Watt Jr. at Mr. Tuffen's, corner of Upper Grosvenor St., Park Lane, London.
Docketed "Application made by Watson & Co. of Preston for estimate of a 40 and 45 horse engine with his address in Town etc."

4. Letter. M. R. Boulton (Soho) to James Watt Jr. (at J. Tuffen's, top of Grosvenor St., Park Lane, London). 9 May 1804.
Docketed "Enclosing Mr. Southern's account of his transactions at Wisbeach. Van Liender requests estimate of a 4 horse. Failure of spur wheel at Fazeley Street."

5. Letter. M. R. Boulton (Tenbury) to John Southern (Soho). 12 Aug. 1804.
Marked "Rec^d. at Soho Aug. 18th."
Docketed "Stourport engine house very backwards. Varley to go to Purnell's if John Brunton comes not by middle of week."

6. Letter. M. R. Boulton (Soho) to James Watt Jr. (Sidmouth). 29 Sep. 1804.
On the same sheet:
Transcript of letter. John Cooper Jr. & Co. (Trowbridge) to Boulton Watt & Co. [Soho]. 26 Sep. 1804.
Docketed "Encloses copy of a letter from Messrs. Cooper of Trowbridge. Proposes that I should visit him on my return."

1805

7. Letter. M. R. Boulton (London) to James Watt Jr. (Soho). 21 Mar. 1805. 2 sheets.
Docketed "Weston's advice respecting Robert Hodges' affair. Bough Hollinsworth & Co.'s engine will be secured. Rennie enquires time for the construction of two engines for the Prince of Wales Island. Has not met with Capt. Mulcaster. Correction of the date furnished by Dayus for the engine at Waltham Abbey."

8. Letter. M. R. Boulton (London) to James Watt Jr. (Soho). "Friday Evening" [22 Mar. 1805].
Docketed "Requests that plans of Col. Mylne's engine may be made out same as those for the Dublin Canal Royal."

9. Letter. M. R. Boulton (London) to James Watt Jr. (—). 24 May 1805.
Docketed "Interview with S. Wyatt upon the subject of Eginton's debt etc. Late advances made by the Albion Mill Co. Progress making in his Treasury business. To see Rennie etc. etc."

10. Letter. M. R. Boulton (Mark Lane, London) to James Watt Jr. (Soho). 27 May 1805.
Docketed "Rennie's information respecting the undertaking at the Prince of Wales Island and Mr. Barailler. Good performance of small engines in the West Indies. Rennie's order for 3 or 4 positive. Dayus neglects our business. Complaints of the mortar engine at East India Docks."

11. Letter. M. R. Boulton (Soho) to James Watt Jr. (care of Gilbert Hamilton, Glasgow). 30 Jul. 1805.
On the same sheet:
Transcript of letter. Wilson & Sons (Wilsontown, by Edinburgh) to Boulton Watt & Co. (Soho). 26 Jul. 1805.
Transcript of letter. George Taylor (Fort William) to Boulton Watt & Co. [Soho]. 19 Jul. 1805.
Docketed "Wilson & Sons' application and order for an engine. Letter from G. Taylor respecting Caledonian Canal engines. Blackburn Twist Co. order a six horse. Mr. Chapman orders a six horse. Visit from Tate respecting Barailler's schemes. C. H. Core of Edinburgh applies about a small engine."

12. Letter. M. R. Boulton (Soho) to James Watt Jr. (care of Gilbert Hamilton, Glasgow). 6 Aug. 1805.
On the same sheet:
Transcript of letter. Arch. Baine for the Gourrock Ropework Co. (Greenock) to Boulton Watt & Co. [Soho]. 2 Aug. 1805.
Docketed "Gourrock Co. want a man. Thomson has been written to at Col. Mylne's."

13. Letter. M. R. Boulton (London) to James Watt Jr. (Soho). 25 Oct. 1805.
Docketed "One of Mr. Rennie's millwrights to be sent out with the engines to Essequibo and to be sent to us to be instructed."

14. Letter. M. R. Boulton (London) to James Watt Jr. (Soho). "Monday Evening" [4 Nov. 1805].
Docketed "Enquiry made by Mr. Hawkes for estimates of a 30 and 40 horse engine and by Brown & Parry for estimate of a 30 horse engine."

15. Letter. M. R. Boulton (London) to James Watt Jr. (Soho). 6 Nov. 1805.
Docketed "History of Brown & Parry's intended establishment. Estimates of 30 and 36 horse engines to be sent to them and made payable on delivery. Capt. King wants the account of his engines and extra articles. Settlement with Dayus."

1806.

16. Letter. M. R. Boulton (Soho) to James Watt Jr. (care of J. Furnell Tuffen, Park Lane, Upper Grosvenor St., London). 14 Jan. 1806.
M. R. Boulton has made notes about payments to employees Noah Newman, Thomas Newman and John Shakespear on the same sheet on 20 Jan.
Docketed "Proposed agreement with William Wright and his intended departure for London. Lawson to set out next day. Mr. Murdock better and his light succeeding well."

17. Letter. M. R. Boulton (Soho) to James Watt Jr. (care of Philips & Lee, Manchester). 18 Feb. 1806.
Docketed "Accounts from Mr. Pearson. Balance of his books."

18. Letter. M. R. Boulton (Soho) to James Watt Jr. (—). 25 Feb. 1806.
On the same sheet:
Transcript of letter. Boulton Watt & Co. (Soho) to S. Bridges (Manchester). 20 Dec. 1805.
Docketed "With schedule and copy of letter with estimate for S. Bridges. Lawson has sent a remittance from Tredegar. Crawshay orders a 40 inch."

19. Letter. M. R. Boulton (Soho) to James Watt Jr. (care of Philips & Lee, Manchester). 27 Feb. 1806.
On the same sheet:
Transcript of letter. Wood Daintry & Wood (Macclesfield) to Boulton Watt & Co. [Soho]. 26 Feb. 1806.
Docketed "Wood Daintry & Co. complain of their syphon balls. Billingsley not prepared with a remittance. Rennie employed by the Admiralty."

20. Letter. M. R. Boulton (Soho) to James Watt Jr. (care of Philips & Lee, Manchester).
1 Mar. 1806.

On the same sheet:

Letter. Jones & Milne (Manchester) to Boulton Watt & Co. 27 Feb. 1806.

Docketed "Letter from Jones & Milne respecting Brierley. Murdock arrived and engaged with Mr. Southern. Expects to be sent for to Town."

21. Letter. M. R. Boulton (Soho) to James Watt Jr. (care of Philips & Lee, Manchester).
3 Mar. 1806.

Docketed "Receipt of bill from Marsland. Receipt of bill of £1000 from Mold Twist Co. They want explanation of part of the account. Southern and Murdock occupied with Lee's photogenous order. Henry Creighton to send sketch of crane. Cost of connecting wheel for James Kennedy and list of materials to be returned corrected. Bridges' steam pipes to be charged separately. Murdock ready to return on Friday. Orders and estimates."

22. Letter. M. R. Boulton (Soho) to James Watt Jr. (care of Philips & Lee, Manchester).
9 Mar. 1806.

Docketed "Respecting Watson & Co.'s connecting wheels – means taken to forward them."

23. Letter. M. R. Boulton (Soho) to James Watt Jr. (care of Philips & Lee, Manchester).
17 Mar. 1806.

On the same sheet:

Estimate. Connecting Wheels from A. & G. Murray.

Docketed "Difference of cost between wheel with iron and wooden teeth for a fly. Murray.

Additional cost of Bridges' connecting wheels. Crawshay countermands his order.

Dangerous illness of Dr. Carmichael occasioned by the death of his servant. Intention of going to Town. Receipt of bills from McConnell & Kennedy."

1807.

24. Letter. M. R. Boulton (Soho) to James Watt Jr. (13 London St.). 26 Jan. 1807.

On the same sheet:

Transcript of letter. William Balston (Maidstone) to Boulton Watt & Co. [Soho]. 23 Jan. 1807.

Docketed "Upon Bury's proposals. Letter from Mr. Balston ordering pipes and enquiry about lighting apparatus."

25. Letter. M. R. Boulton (Soho) to James Watt Jr. (13 London St.). 3 Feb. 1807.

Docketed "Information to be taken respecting the parties on whom Henry Houldsworth & Co.'s bills are proposed to be drawn."

26. Letter. M. R. Boulton (Soho) to James Watt Jr. (13 London St.). 19 Feb. 1807.

Docketed "Mr. Gibbons' proposals for extending his security and increasing his drafts on the London House."

27. Letter. M. R. Boulton (Soho) to James Watt Jr. (London). 26 Feb. 1807.

Docketed "Upon John Pooley's proposals to his creditors. Bury objects to giving security."

28. Letter. M. R. Boulton (London) to James Watt Jr. (—). 9 Mar. 1807.

Docketed "Enclosing Gillespie's letter respecting the speed of the Danish forge engine."

29a. Letter. M. R. Boulton (London) to James Watt Jr. (Soho). 13 Mar. 1807.

Enclosing (b) below.

Docketed "Enclosing advertisement of David Whitehead & Co. Millward's have not yet accepted our draft. About the flooring of the Mint engines."

b. Printed advertising leaflet. David Whitehead & Co., Brass & Iron Founders, Soho Foundry, Manchester and Portwood Foundry, Stockport.

30. Letter. M. R. Boulton (London) to James Watt Jr. (Soho). "Friday Evening" [13 Mar. 1807].

Docketed "Enquiry respecting his father's health."

31. Letter. M. R. Boulton (Weymouth) to James Watt Jr. (Soho). 9 Sep. 1807.

Docketed "Upon the discount to be allowed by James Watt & Co. to the London dealers."

3/43 Letters to James Watt Junior, 1808-1809

(14 items)

1808.

1. Letter. M. R. Boulton (Leamington Spa) to James Watt Jr. (Soho). 18 May 1808.

Not dated – date taken from the docket.

Docketed "Respecting the present to Mr. Foreman on his leaving our service."

2. Letter. M. R. Boulton (London) to James Watt Jr. (Soho). 8 Jul. 1808.

Docketed "Interview with Black & Parry and favourable opinion of them. Has seen Sandell & Edwards. Remarks upon copying paper, and specimens sent. Conference with Mr. De Paiva."

1809.

3. Letter. M. R. Boulton (Bath) to James Watt Jr. (Soho). 5 Mar. 1809.

Docketed "Wishes to have particulars of engines and accounts in the neighbourhood of Bath. State of his health. Mr. Lapp has given him specimens of cobalt etc."

4. Letter. M. R. Boulton (Bath) to James Watt Jr. (Soho). 8 Mar. 1809.

Docketed "Proposes being at home by the middle of next week."

5. Letter. M. R. Boulton (Soho) to James Watt Jr. (care of John Crummer, Howey, near Builth). 31 Mar. 1809.

On the same sheet:

Transcript of letter. John Rennie (Boston) to Boulton Watt & Co. 23 Mar. 1809.

Docketed "Enclosing copy of a letter from Mr. Rennie respecting Lund's engagement. Intends going to Town to oppose the bill of the Gas & Light Company."

6. Letter. M. R. Boulton (London) to James Watt Jr. (care of Cheese & Davies, Kington). 13 Apr. 1809.

Docketed "Progress making by the Gas & Light Co. in their application to Parliament. Terms proposed by Sir Alexander Grant for Lund."

7. Letter. M. R. Boulton (London St.) to John Southern (Soho). 20 Apr. 1809.

Docketed "Letter from Mr. Brown and remarks upon the engines wanted by him for drainage. Proposed interview with the Gas & Light Company. Enquiry about agreement with Lund."

8. Letter. M. R. Boulton (London) to James Watt Jr. (Soho). 22 Apr. 1809. 2 sheets.

Docketed "Gas light bill."

9. Letter. M. R. Boulton (London) to Boulton Watt & Co. (Soho). 24 Apr. 1809.

Docketed "Mr. Rennie wants estimate of an engine and pumps for the Woolwich Water Works."

10. Letter. M. R. Boulton (London) to James Watt Jr. (Soho). 30 Jun. 1809.

Docketed "Upon the responsibility of the Woolwich Water Works. Suspends the delivery of our letter for the present. Deduction to be made from the estimate. Meux & Co. intend ordering a 30 horse engine."

11. Letter. M. R. Boulton (London) to James Watt Jr. (Soho). 4 Jul. 1809.
Docketed "Has delivered the estimate of the 6 horse engine to Mr. Bourdelain, who wants estimates of 8 and 10 horse engines. Thinks Meux & Co. should have a 32 horse engine. Directions respecting his gig."

12. Letter. M. R. Boulton (London) to James Watt Jr. (Soho). 4 Jul. 1809.
Docketed as 5 Jul.
Docketed "Recommends Mr. Cummings of the India House."

13. Letter. M. R. Boulton (London) to James Watt Jr. (Soho). 8 Jul. 1809.
Docketed "Urges the necessity of stating a less time for the execution of Meux & Co.'s order. Mr. Rennie willing to allow more time for the 10 horse engine for the Witham drainage."

14. Letter. M. R. Boulton (London) to James Watt Jr. (Soho). 14 Jul. 1809.
Docketed "Enclosing copy of his letter to the Woolwich Water Works. Meux & Co. to have a 32 horse engine."

3/44 Miscellaneous Letters to John Southern, 1796-1803 (12 items)

Letters from Matthew Robinson Boulton to John Southern, head of Boulton & Watt's Drawing Office, from 1796 to 1803. The letters of 1796 were sent from Manchester, when Matthew Robinson Boulton was there in June pursuing various the accounts of various pirate engines. The summaries were made during the Archives of Soho Project in 2000.

1. Letter. M. R. Boulton (Manchester) to John Southern (Soho). Circa 18 May 1796.
Has been so occupied with pirates that he had to defer his visit to engine customers until this morning. Those he has seen are "much satisfied". Nightingale, Harris & Co. wish to replace their "Savary" engine with a 10 horse Boulton & Watt. M. R. Boulton's rough estimate for them. Isaac Perrins' progress with B. & W. Sandford's engine. Mr. Lee's preparations for his new boiler. He intends to try some of Count Rumford's ideas. Encloses a bill of exchange for £50 from Holland & Bridge for a year's premium, which they insist is due. James Pearson had only charged them for half a year's premium. Can Southern find out if Simpson's have paid. M. R. Boulton did not date or address this letter. It is postmarked "Manchester" and Southern docketed it as being received on 19 May.

2. Letter. M. R. Boulton (Manchester) to John Southern (Soho). 23 May 1796.
Has corrected the error in Holland & Bridge's account. Encloses 3 bills of exchange worth £99.4.- from J. Lees who has bought Seedhouse's engine. Has not yet settled Barrow Lees & Co.'s account. "Delinquents" are still resisting – [James?] Bateman and Jos. Thackeray are planning to alter their engines to "the old construction". Thackeray's Garratt's mill has been stopped. Will deliver B. & W. Sandford's drawings to Isaac Perrins. Progress with their boiler. Thomas Horton has finished Mr. Lee's boiler. After he has been to Mr. Owen's he will complete P. Atherton's boiler. Atherton's undertaking is not well known.

3. Letter. M. R. Boulton (Manchester) to John Southern (Soho). 29 May 1796.
Does not know which bill of exchange Southern was alluding to in his last letter. Details of the bills of exchange he sent to James Watt. Encloses two bills of exchange for James Watt & Co. Peter Ewart has been asked to procure an estimate for a 12 horse engine by Mr. Meyers of Liverpool. Submission of Bateman, which should open an extensive market for Boulton & Watt. Boulton & Watt's great deficiency is the lack of a good engine erector based in Manchester. ? [part of letter torn away – Perrins?] has disgusted several of their customers. Faults with Mr. Lee's boiler.

4. Letter. M. R. Boulton (Manchester) to John Southern (Soho). 8 Jun. 1796.
Problems with Mr. Lee's boiler. Thomas Horton risks discrediting his workmanship and he should come to repair it. He should also prevent similar blunders with the boilers for Mr. Owen, to avoid ruining the reputation of the boilers Boulton & Watt supply. Hopes to conclude his business with the pirates by the end of the week.

- 5.** Letter. M. R. Boulton (Soho) to John Southern (—). 12 Jun. 1796.
M. R. Boulton did not address this letter, and only noted the date as “Sunday Evening”. Southern docketed it as being written at Soho on 12 Jun.. Can Southern forward a corrected version of the estimate to him in Manchester, as the one Southern has already sent may have been returned. M. R. Boulton has taken the copies from the drying book. Can Southern look into the state of B. & W. Sandford’s engine as they are anxious to have it completed.
- 6.** Letter. M. R. Boulton (Manchester) to John Southern (Soho). 14 Jun. 1796.
Problems of repairing Mr. Lee’s boiler. Thomas Horton vouches for the solidity of the boilers for Owen & Co. P. Atherton’s factory is not yet ready. Southern’s letter never arrived – can he address all future letters to M. R. Boulton at Mr. Jones.
- 7.** Letter. M. R. Boulton (Manchester) to John Southern (Soho). 18 Jun. 1796.
Can Southern trace a letter that should have been sent back to Birmingham. Concern that it might fall into “the enemy’s possession”. The estimate arrived. Some of the “discarded Sohoites” in Manchester may try to cause trouble for Boulton & Watt. Problems with fitting the steam pipe to Owen’s engine, caused by a builder’s error. Mr. Lee is still “sore” about his boiler – it is pointless making accusations about his engineers at the present time. Asks for an estimate for 41 inch single reciprocating engine for a colliery.
- 8.** Letter. M. R. Boulton (Manchester) to John Southern (Soho). 19 Jun. 1796.
Can Southern confirm the arrangement for Mr. Lloyd the builder to use a small field by the Foundry for his horse. Mr. Lee will call briefly at Soho on his way to Bath.
- 9.** Letter. M. R. Boulton (London) to John Southern (Soho). 6 Feb. 1797.
- 10.** Letter. M. R. Boulton (London) to John Southern (Soho). [7 May 1798].
M. R. Boulton did not address or date this letter. Southern has noted that it was received on 8 May and docketed it as being from London, 7 May. Proposals for a 32 horse engine for a corn mill in Portugal, as requested by Messrs. Chease & Langham. John Rennie’s proposals for the millwork. Can Southern send the estimate to M. R. Boulton. Mr. Wyatt disagrees with Southern over the amount of flour wheat produces. M. R. Boulton has not forgotten Southern’s query about the sluice at Mr. Spencer’s mill. Mr. Ramsden promised to show M. R. Boulton Southern’s portable barometer, but M. R. Boulton doubts that he has made it.
- 11.** Memorandum. “Extract of a letter from Mr. R. Boulton dated Truro 22 July 1799.”
In James Watt Jr.’s hand. The extract is taken from Boulton’s letter to Watt Jr. of 22 Jul., and further calculations have been added. Watt Jr. presumably passed to extract to Southern, as the docket is in his hand. Docketed “About estimate for St. Agnes.”
- 12.** Memorandum. Orders for Manchester. — Mar. 1803.
In M. R. Boulton’s hand. Each order has been ticked off. The docket is in Southern’s hand. Docketed “Sundry orders for Manchester March 1803. Mr. James Kennedy cylinder lid. Murray – a dressed pinion. Taylor & Sims’ jack head pump. Hope – repair his old boiler.”