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**REEL 204**

**MS 3147/3/45-75: Correspondence from James Watt Junior, 1789-1830**

**3/45 Letters to James Watt, 1794-1795 (37 items)**

**1794.**

1. Letter. James Watt Jr. (Soho) to James Watt (6 Green Lettice Lane). 14 Apr. 1794.  
*Docketed "List of Herland adventurers."*

2. Letter. James Watt Jr. (Soho) to James Watt (care of Thomas Williams, Anglesey).  
22 Jul. 1794.

*On the same sheet:*

Transcript of letter. Thomas Wilson [Truro] to Boulton & Watt. 17 Jul. 1794.  
*Docketed "With copy of letter from Wilson."*

3. Letter. James Watt Jr. (Soho) to James Watt (care of Thomas Williams, Anglesey).  
26 Jul. 1794.

*Docketed "About indemnity bond to Tremayne and others. Timber at Middleton."*

4. Letter. James Watt Jr. (Soho) to James Watt (Post Office, Conway). 31 Jul. 1794.  
*Re-directed to James Watt at Wrexham. Docketed "Malcolm Logan."*

5. Letter. James Watt Jr. (Manchester) to James Watt (Heathfield). 21 Sep. 1794.

6. Letter. James Watt Jr. (Manchester) to James Watt (Heathfield). 27 Sep. 1794.  
*Docketed "Holt. Illingworth. Joseph Baker & Co."*

**1795.**

7. Letter. James Watt Jr. (London) to James Watt (Heathfield). 9 Jan. 1795.  
*Docketed "Arrival in Town."*

8. Letter. James Watt Jr. (London) to James Watt (Heathfield). 10 Jan. 1795.  
*Letter forwarded to Matthew Boulton by James Watt on 12 Jan., with a note added by the latter. Docketed "Consultation deferred – Poldice, Consolidated Mines etc. Retaining Mansfield."*

9. Letter. James Watt Jr. (London) to James Watt (Heathfield). 12 Jan. 1795.  
*Docketed "Consultation on special case. Adair's opinion of refund."*

10. Letter. James Watt Jr. (London) to James Watt (Heathfield). 13 Jan. 1795.  
*Docketed "Case of Consolidated Mines and other Cornish affairs. Spence, Severn, Cox King & Curtis."*

11. Letter. James Watt Jr. (London) to James Watt (Heathfield). 16 Jan. 1795.  
*Docketed "Probability of an adverse decision in Common Pleas. Consultation appointed with Erskine. Mr. Parker."*

12. Letter. James Watt Jr. (London) to James Watt (Heathfield). 18 Jan. 1795.  
*Docketed "Plummer's opinion on refund. Mr. Parker's scheme."*

- 13.** Letter. James Watt Jr. (London) to James Watt (Heathfield). 20 Jan. 1795.  
*Forwarded by James Watt to Matthew Boulton. Docketed "Consultation with Erskine. Poldice."*
- 14.** Letter. James Watt Jr. (London) to James Watt (Heathfield). 23 Jan. 1795.  
*Docketed "Case put off. Declaration of James 1<sup>st</sup> not to be found."*
- 15.** Letter. James Watt Jr. (London) to James Watt (—). 28 Feb. 1795.  
*Docketed "Weston's bill to the first argument."*
- 16.** Letter. James Watt Jr. (Soho) to James Watt (6 Green Lettice Lane). 30 Apr. 1795.  
*Docketed "New Law Trunk. Portable copying machine. Smallman's wife. Capt. Frazier."*
- 17.** Letter. James Watt Jr. (Soho) to James Watt (6 Green Lettice Lane). 3 May 1795.  
*Docketed "Bott Birch & Co. Mr. Mylne. Marshall & Benyon's quibbles. About erecting a boring mill."*
- 18a.** Letter. James Watt Jr. (Soho) to James Watt (6 Green Lettice Lane). 7 May 1795.  
*Enclosing (b) below.  
Docketed "Leadhills Co. Horner. Wood. Prices of copying machines."*
- b.** Sketch. Balneum Mariee suggested by Mr. Watt. Undated [circa 9 May 1795].  
*Sketch of "our intended evaporating machine" – a sea water evaporator? The notes are in M. R. Boulton's hand.*
- 19.** Letter. James Watt Jr. (Soho) to James Watt (6 Green Lettice Lane). 10 May 1795.  
2 sheets.  
*Docketed "Distribution of engine erectors. Cox King & Curtis. Boring mill. Slowness of Coalbrookdale Co. Order from Bott Birch & Co. Brockliss. Leadhills Co."*
- 20.** Letter. James Watt Jr. (Soho) to James Watt (—). 13 May 1795.  
*Docketed "Arrival of Mr. and Mrs. Cochrane. Letter from Mr. L'Eveque."*
- 21.** Letter. James Watt Jr. (Soho) to James Watt (London). 14 May 1795.  
*Docketed "Letter to Foxes. Pneumatic bags. Mr. Horner."*
- 22.** Letter. James Watt Jr. (Soho) to James Watt (6 Green Lettice Lane). 15 May 1795.  
*Docketed "Letters from Gardner & Co. Proceedings at Heathfield. Fenton's remittance. North Downs double 52 inch engine."*
- 23.** Letter. James Watt Jr. (Soho) to James Watt (—). 5 Jun. 1795.  
*Docketed "With Dr. Gulet's letter on King James' declaration concerning monopolies. Repairing little engine. Lathes for copying co. Evaporator. Purchase of Cox & Hall's engine."*
- 24.** Letter. James Watt Jr. (Soho) to James Watt (6 Green Lettice Lane). 5 Jun. 1795.  
*Docketed "Cox & Hall. Fishwick & Co."*
- 25.** Letter. James Watt Jr. (Soho) to James Watt (6 Green Lettice Lane). 8 Jun. 1795.  
*Docketed "Fishwick & Co. Tuffen's offer to arbitrate with Gardner & Manse. Order from Sir H. G. Liddel. Accident to old engine. Spence's new cylinder. Birmingham boat engine."*
- 26.** Letter. James Watt Jr. (Soho) to James Watt (6 Green Lettice Lane). 10 Jun. 1795.  
*Docketed "Mr. Kennedy's land."*
- 27.** Letter. James Watt Jr. (Soho) to James Watt (London). 11 Jun. 1795.  
*Docketed "George Taylor returned from Gloucester & Berkeley engine. Marsland's order. Proposed purchase of Burden's engine. Marshall & Benyons refuse to sign the agreement."*
- 28.** Letter. James Watt Jr. (Soho) to James Watt (—). 30 Aug. 1795.  
*Mr. Boulton may go to Cheltenham. Wishing Watt a good journey in Scotland.*

- 29.** Letter. James Watt Jr. (Soho) to James Watt (care of Gilbert Hamilton, Glasgow).  
3 Sep. 1795.  
*Docketed "Wilkinsons and Fawcett. Cylinders on hand at Bersham. Intended sale of premises. Pirated engines."*
- 30.** Letter. James Watt Jr. (Soho) to James Watt (care of Gilbert Hamilton, Glasgow).  
4 Sep. 1795.  
*Docketed "Redgreave's correspondence. Letter to Messrs. Parkers. Pirated engine about to be made for Marshall & Benyon. Wilson arrived in Cornwall."*
- 31.** Letter. James Watt Jr. (Soho) to James Watt (care of Gilbert Hamilton, Glasgow).  
6 Sep. 1795.  
*On the same sheet:*  
Transcript of letter. Thomas Wilson (Truro) to James Watt Jr. [Soho]. 4 Sep. 1795.  
*Docketed "Copy from Mr. Wilson."*
- 32.** Letter. James Watt Jr. (Soho) to James Watt (care of Gilbert Hamilton, Glasgow).  
9 Sep. 1795. 2 sheets.  
*On the same sheets:*  
Transcript of letter. William Wilkinson (Court) to James Watt Jr. 4 Sep. 1795.  
Transcript of letter. William Wilkinson (Court) to James Watt Jr. 6 Sep. 1795.  
Transcript of letter. William Wilkinson (Court) to James Watt Jr. 7 Sep. 1795.  
*Docketed "Fawcett and Wilkinson's letters."*
- 33.** Letter. James Watt Jr. (Soho) to James Watt (care of Gilbert Hamilton, Glasgow).  
15 Sep. 1795.  
*Docketed "John Wilkinson's case sent to Weston. State of new buildings. Foundry resolved upon. Impossibility of executing orders."*
- 34.** Letter. James Watt Jr. (Soho) to James Watt (care of Gilbert Hamilton, Glasgow).  
24 Sep. 1795. 2 sheets.  
*Docketed "Cylinders on sale. Tools and utensils ditto. Minera and Caermuneth. Llynypanda, Milur Mine. Golstyn, Spon Green. Plan of proposed foundry. Message to John Wilkinson and reflections on his conduct. Inertness of the Coalbrookdale Co."*
- 35.** Letter. James Watt Jr. (Soho) to James Watt (care of Gilbert Hamilton, Glasgow).  
30 Sep. 1795.  
*Docketed "Cornish matters."*
- 36.** Letter. James Watt Jr. (Soho) to James Watt (care of Gilbert Hamilton, Glasgow).  
4 Oct. 1795.  
*On the same sheet:*  
Transcript of letter. William Fawcett (Liverpool) to Boulton & Watt. 26 Sep. 1795.  
*Docketed "Cautious letter of Mr. Fawcett."*
- 37.** Letter. James Watt Jr. (Wrexham) to James Watt (Heathfield). 2 Dec. 1795.  
*This letter has been removed from a scrapbook. Docketed "Disposal of Bersham to John Wilkinson. Conversation with him about grievances and accounts."*

**3/46 Letters to James Watt, Matthew Robinson Boulton, 1796-1797 (90 items)**

**1796.**

- 1.** Letter. James Watt Jr. (London St.) to James Watt (—). 4 Jan. 1796.  
*The docket is on a separate sheet.*  
*Docketed "Interview with Maberly Jr. and with Jabez Hornblower. Injunction prepared against Sturges & Co."*

- 2.** Letter. James Watt Jr. (London) to M. R. Boulton (Soho). 5 Jan. 1796.  
*Docketed "About enquiring into the partnership between Maberly and Hornblower. Procuring Perrins' affidavit versus Sturges & Co. Copying paper. John Wilkinson."*
- 3.** Letter. James Watt Jr. (—) to M. R. Boulton (Soho). Not dated [6 Jan. 1796].  
*Docketed as 7 Jan. However James Watt Jr. refers to a letter from M. R. Boulton "of this morning", and M. R. Boulton wrote to him on 6 Jan.*  
*Docketed "Hornblower an agent of Maberly. John Wilkinson. Richardson & Harrison. Present to Woodward."*
- 4.** Letter. James Watt Jr. (London) to James Watt (Heathfield). 8 Jan. 1796.  
*Docketed "Weston's opinion of the measures to be pursued with John Wilkinson."*
- 5.** Letter. James Watt Jr. (London) to James Watt (Heathfield). 9 Jan. 1796.  
*Docketed "Proposes going to Leeds and Newcastle to serve the injunctions."*
- 6.** Letter. James Watt Jr. (London) to M. R. Boulton (Soho). 12 Jan. 1796. 3 sheets.  
*Docketed "Robinson's account of Hornblower and Maberly. Fenner & Flint. Mr. Alcock. Price of mahogany. Mrs. Matthews' copying machine. Roberts & Co. and Varley. Borough Water Works. John Wilkinson. Wilson's terrors."*
- 7.** Letter. James Watt Jr. (London Coffee House) to M. R. Boulton (Soho). 12 Jan. 1796.  
*Docketed "Watkins' report of his conversation with Perrins."*
- 8.** Letter. James Watt Jr. (London) to James Watt (Heathfield). 15 Jan. 1796.  
*On the same sheet:*  
Draft of letter. Boulton & Watt to Fenner & Flint (Canterbury). — Jan. 1796.  
*Forwarded to M. R. Boulton by James Watt.*  
*Docketed "Injunction granted against Hornblower, Maberly and Peareth. Letter to Fenner & Flint."*
- 9.** Letter. James Watt Jr. (London) to James Watt (Heathfield). 16 Jan. 1796.  
*Docketed "Hornblower etc. David Watson's infringement, Bull not to proceed with the Scire Facias."*
- 10.** Letter. James Watt Jr. (London) to M. R. Boulton (Soho). 18 Jan. 1796.  
*Docketed "David Watson's infringement. Gloucester & Berkeley Canal – new order. Intended departure for Leeds."*
- 11.** Letter. James Watt Jr. (London) to James Watt (Heathfield). 19 Jan. 1796.  
*Docketed "Upon journey to Leeds and Newcastle and measures proposed to be adopted with the pirates."*
- 12.** Letter. James Watt Jr. (—) to M. R. Boulton (Soho). 19 Jan. 1796.  
*Not dated – date taken from the docket.*  
*Docketed "Bowman & Garforth. Preparation for copying papers. Departure for Leeds."*
- 13.** Letter. James Watt Jr. (Leeds) to James Watt (Heathfield). 21 Jan. 1796. 2 sheets.  
*On the second sheet:*  
Transcript. Isaac Perrins' affidavit against Richard Paley.  
*Docketed "Perrins' affidavit and account of Paley etc. Inspection of Paley and Holdforth & Co.'s engine. Non-admittance at Mr. Paley's. Character of Mr. Nicholson. Perrins' affidavit."*
- 14.** Letter. James Watt Jr. (Leeds) to M. R. Boulton (Soho). 24 Jan. 1796. 2 sheets.  
*On the first sheet:*  
Transcript of letter. James Watt Jr. for Boulton & Watt (Leeds) to Richard Paley [London]. 23 Jan. 1796.  
*Docketed "With copy of letter to Mr. Paley. Character of Sturges & Co. Mr. Barnes. Foundry feast proposed. Mr. Foster. Gowland Clerk & Co."*

- 15.** Letter. James Watt Jr. (York) to M. R. Boulton (Soho). 27 Jan. 1796. 2 sheets.  
*On the second sheet:*  
Memorandum for Mr. Nicholson [re. Sturges & Co.]. 26 Jan. 1796.  
*Docketed "With proposals to Sturges & Co. left with Mr. Nicholson. Account of serving injunction on young Sturges. Conjecture as to their manoeuvres. Richardson & Harrison."*
- 16.** Letter. James Watt Jr. (Newcastle) to James Watt (Heathfield). 31 Jan. 1796.  
*Docketed "Service of injunction on Mr. Peareth. Mr. Barnes."*
- 17.** Letter. James Watt Jr. (Newcastle) to M. R. Boulton (Soho). 3 Feb. 1796.  
*Docketed "Memorandums at Newcastle" and "Prospects in the engine line. Benwell engine. Fishwick & Co. Hawkes & Co. George Taylor, Sunderland. Reflections upon Daniel. Foundry."*
- 18.** Letter. James Watt Jr. (Newcastle) to James Watt (Heathfield). 6 Feb. 1796.  
*Docketed "Information respecting Sturges & Co. and concerning the effects of the injunctions against them."*
- 19.** Letter. James Watt Jr. (Newcastle) to M. R. Boulton (Soho). 11 Feb. 1796.  
*Docketed "Results of Benwell trial. Estimate for Mr. Croustace of Penshaw Colliery" and "Submission of Sturges and Paley. Trial of Benwell. New orders. Penshu Colliery."*
- 20.** Letter. James Watt Jr. (Leeds) to M. R. Boulton (Soho). 18 Feb. 1796.  
*Docketed "Mentioning capitulation of Sturges & Co."*
- 21a.** Letter. James Watt Jr. (Leeds) to James Watt (Heathfield). 20 Feb. 1796.  
*Enclosing (b) and (c) below.*  
*Docketed "With an account of the transactions at Leeds up to the definitive settlement with Sturges & Co."*
- b.** Transcript of letter. James Watt Jr. (Leeds) to Ambrose Weston [London].  
19 Feb. 1796. 2 sheets
- c.** Transcripts. Four transcripts on the same sheet, as follows:  
Memorandum. Proposals made by Boulton & Watt to Messrs. Sturges Paley & Co.  
Letter. Lucas Nicholson (Leeds) to James Watt Jr. [Leeds]. 18 Feb. 1796.  
Letter. Richard Paley (Leeds) to Lucas Nicholson [Leeds]. 19 Feb. 1796. Memorandum.  
Answer of Messrs. Sturges & Co. to the proposals of Boulton & Watt.
- 22.** Letter. James Watt Jr. (Serle's Coffee House) to James Watt (Heathfield). 11 May 1796.  
2 sheets.  
*Docketed "Bradley's journey to Town and affidavit. Mode of conduct to be pursued towards Thackeray. Hornblowers filed nine affidavits. Mr. Campbell's opinion. Conversations with Watson's clerk."*
- 23.** Letter. James Watt Jr. (London) to M. R. Boulton (care of Thomas Jones, Manchester).  
11 May 1796.  
*Docketed "Bradley's affidavit. Thackeray's proceedings. Watson."*
- 24.** Letter. James Watt Jr. (London St.) to James Watt (Heathfield). 12 May 1796.  
*Docketed "Bateman and Thackeray's contempt. Motion to be made for an attachment against them. Memorandum sent Mr. Watson of Preston."*
- 25.** Letter. James Watt Jr. (London) to M. R. Boulton (Manchester). 12 May 1796.  
*Affidavits by the Hornblowers and their allies. Meeting with Mr. Watson of Preston. Proceedings against Thackeray – M. R. Boulton's affidavit.*

- 26.** Letter. James Watt Jr. (London) to M. R. Boulton (care of Thomas Jones, Manchester). 13 May 1796.  
*Docketed "Thackeray's transactions. Note to Thackeray. Barton as an evidence. Bateman & Co. Varley."*
- 27.** Letter. James Watt Jr. (London) to M. R. Boulton (care of Thomas Jones, Moseley St., Manchester). 14 May 1796.  
*Docketed "Terms to be granted Thackeray. Hornblower. Peter Ewart."*
- 28.** Letter. James Watt Jr. (London) to James Watt (Heathfield). 15 May 1796.  
*Docketed "Negotiations at an end with Thackeray. Proceedings to be gone on with against him. Bramah going on with an engine for Norwich."*
- 29.** Letter. James Watt Jr. (London) to M. R. Boulton (care of Thomas Jones, Manchester). 16 May 1796.  
*Mis-dated by James Watt Jr. as 15 May.*  
*Docketed "Livesey's affidavit. Attachment against Maberly. Watson & Co. – conversation with them. Hornblower engine near Sunderland."*
- 30.** Letter. James Watt Jr. (London) to M. R. Boulton (care of Thomas Jones, Manchester). 17 May 1796.  
*Docketed "Notices to Thackeray and Bradley. Affidavits to be obtained from Barton, Jones and others. Hornblower's motion threatened. John Lee."*
- 31.** Letter. James Watt Jr. (London) to James Watt (Heathfield). 17 May 1796.  
*Docketed "Hornblower's motion. Mr. Cummings' affidavit. Attachment against Thackeray."*
- 32.** Letter. James Watt Jr. (London) to M. R. Boulton (Manchester). 18 May 1796.  
*Docketed "On Thackeray's proposed alteration of his engine. The attachment against him. Watson's. Hornblower and Maberly's vexation."*
- 33.** Letter. James Watt Jr. (London) to James Watt (Heathfield). 19 May 1796.  
*Docketed "Mr. Watt's affidavit. Messrs. Ramsden, de Luc, Fordyce, Herschel and Cummings' readiness to give affidavits on various matters. Maberly's despair."*
- 34.** Letter. James Watt Jr. (London) to M. R. Boulton (care of Thomas Jones, Manchester). 19 May 1796.  
*Docketed "Applications for various affidavits. Preparations for a vigorous attack on Thackeray."*
- 35.** Letter. James Watt Jr. (London) to James Watt (Heathfield). 20 May 1796.  
*Docketed "Harmlessness of Brown's and Braithwaite's affidavits. Proof of Hornblower's contempt. Proposed expedition to Windsor."*
- 36.** Letter. James Watt Jr. (London) to James Watt (Heathfield). 23 May 1796.  
*Docketed "Edward Jordan. Rennie not sworn. Thackeray's despair. Affidavits of our friends."*
- 37.** Letter. James Watt Jr. (London) to M. R. Boulton (—). 23 May 1796. 2 sheets.  
*Docketed "List of affidavits. Preparations for the great assault. Bateman & Sherrat. Mr. Watson. Knuckey's adventures."*
- 38.** Letter. James Watt Jr. (London) to James Watt (Heathfield). 24 May 1796.  
*Docketed "Chancery business deferred. Proposes returning home."*
- 39.** Letter. James Watt Jr. (London) to M. R. Boulton (Bridgewater Arms, Manchester). 24 May 1796.  
*On the same sheet:*  
Draft of letter. M. R. Boulton for Boulton & Watt to proprietors of Bateman & Sherrat engines.  
*Docketed "Chancery business deferred."*

- 40.** Letter. James Watt Jr. (London) to James Watt (Heathfield). 25 May 1796.  
*Gavin McMurdo's deposition about an engine being erected by Arthur Woolf. Weston's and his opinions about the Cark engine. Further postponement of Chancery business. Remittances only coming in slowly.*
- 41.** Letter. James Watt Jr. (London) to M. R. Boulton (Bridgewater Arms, Manchester). 25 May 1796. 2 sheets.  
*Docketed "Nesham's executors' pircacies. Business deferred till Thursday sevenight. Thackeray. Attorney General's remissness. Letter to Bateman & Sherrat's customers. Lords Derby and Peel and Sir G. Warren. Carlisle, Drury, Burton and Goodier. Hornblower's lies. William Matthews as a moulder."*
- 42.** Letter. James Watt Jr. (London) to M. R. Boulton (care of Thomas Jones, Manchester). 27 May 1796.  
*Docketed "Bateman's submission. Thackeray's. Application to be made to see his engine."*
- 43.** Letter. James Watt Jr. (London) to James Watt (Heathfield). 27 May 1796.  
*Docketed "Settlement with Bateman & Sherrat. Thackeray's moderation."*
- 44.** Letter. James Watt Jr. (London) to James Watt (Heathfield). 28 May 1796.  
*Docketed "Delays returning home till Thursday. Weston thinks the contempt of Cark must be passed over. Draft of affidavit of Southern."*
- 45.** Letter. James Watt Jr. (London) to M. R. Boulton (Manchester). 28 May 1796.  
*Docketed "Remarks on agreement with Bateman & Co. Mr. Weston's advice concerning Thackeray."*
- 46.** Letter. James Watt Jr. (London) to M. R. Boulton (Bridgewater Arms, Manchester). 29 May 1796.  
*Docketed "Affidavit against Thackeray. To threaten him with a prosecution for perjury."*
- 47.** Letter. James Watt Jr. (London) to James Watt (Heathfield). 30 May 1796.  
*Docketed "Maberly's proceedings about Meux. Submission of pirates. Thackeray's conduct ridiculous."*
- 48.** Letter. James Watt Jr. (London) to M. R. Boulton (—). 30 May 1796.  
*Docketed "Submission of Mr. Carlisle. Burton. Terms to be prescribed to Thackeray and the Cark people."*
- 49.** Letter. James Watt Jr. (London) to James Watt (Heathfield). 31 May 1796.  
*Docketed "Mr. Mylne's affidavit relating to steam wheel and Bramah's engine."*
- 50.** Letter. James Watt Jr. (London) to M. R. Boulton (Bridgewater Arms, Manchester). 1 Jun. 1796.  
*Docketed "Lawson's report. Thackeray's business deferred. Mr. Mylne's affidavit against Bramah. Burton's submission."*
- 51.** Letter. James Watt Jr. (London) to M. R. Boulton (Bridgewater Arms, Manchester). 2 Jun. 1796.  
*Docketed "Failure of Hornblower's attempt to remove the injunction."*
- 52.** Letter. James Watt Jr. (London) to James Watt (Heathfield). 2 Jun. 1796.  
*This letter was passed to Matthew Boulton.  
Docketed "Hornblower's motions for dissolving the injunctions. The Chancellor's conduct thereon."*
- 53.** Letter. James Watt Jr. (London) to James Watt (Heathfield). 4 Jun. 1796.  
*This letter was passed to Matthew Boulton.  
Docketed "Conference with young Maberly."*

- 54.** Letter. James Watt Jr. (London) to M. R. Boulton (—). 4 Jun. 1796.  
*Docketed "Thackeray and Daniel Burton's agreements. Maberly's application to Weston for an accommodation. Meux and Nesham."*
- 55.** Letter. James Watt Jr. (Soho) to M. R. Boulton (Bridgewater Arms, Manchester). 11 Jun. 1796.  
*Forwarded to M. R. Boulton in Birmingham.*  
*Docketed "Terms to be granted the pirates and also Thackeray and Co."*
- 56.** Letter. James Watt Jr. (Glasgow) to M. R. Boulton (care of Benjamin Gott, Leeds). 21 Jun. 1796.  
*Docketed "Proposed journey to Newcastle."*
- 57.** Letter. James Watt Jr. (Soho) to James Watt (Post Office, Bath). 9 Jul. 1796.  
*Docketed "Sturges & Co. Paley etc. on Watt Jr.'s return from Leeds."*
- 58a.** Letter. James Watt Jr. (Soho) to James Watt (Bath). 10 Jul. 1796.  
*Enclosing (b) below.*  
*Docketed "Meux & Co. Cornwall. Trevithick. Minera."*
- b.** Transcript of letter. Thomas Gundry (Goldsithney) to Boulton & Watt. 5 Jul. 1796.
- 59.** Letter. James Watt Jr. (Soho) to James Watt (at Mr. Fletcher's, 18 Circus, Bath). 12 Jul. 1796.  
*Docketed "J. Wilkinson. Thackeray."*
- 60.** Letter. James Watt Jr. (Soho) to James Watt (at Mr. Fletcher's, 18 Circus, Bath). 15 Jul. 1796.  
*Docketed "Meux & Co."*
- 61.** Letter. James Watt Jr. (Cirencester) to James Watt (Soho). 4 Sep. 1796.  
*This letter was dated 5 Sep. by James Watt Jr., but was almost certainly written on the 4<sup>th</sup>. Events mentioned in this letter are described in the second letter dated 5 Sep. (see below) as having happened "yesterday". The subsequent movements described in the letter of 7 Sep. only make sense if this letter was written on the 4<sup>th</sup>.*  
*Docketed "Conference with Maberly and rejection of proposals."*
- 62.** Letter. James Watt Jr. (Trowbridge) to James Watt (Heathfield). 5 Sep. 1796.  
*Docketed "Reflections on the meeting with Maberly. Determination to go to Cornwall and measures intended to be there pursued."*
- 63.** Letter. James Watt Jr. (Truro) to James Watt (Heathfield). 7 Sep. 1796.  
*Docketed "Arrival at Truro."*
- 64.** Letter. James Watt Jr. (Truro) to James Watt (Heathfield). 11 Sep. 1796.  
*Docketed "Bull's syphonic engine. Journey westward. State of Cornish mines etc."*
- 65.** Letter. James Watt Jr. (Truro) to James Watt (Heathfield). 18 Sep. 1796. 2 sheets.  
*Docketed "State of engines at Consolidated, United Mines, Poldice etc. North Downs. Mr. Kevil and Lord Dunstanville. Wheal Tregothnan. Journey to Falmouth. Hornblower's new scheme. Trevithick Junior."*
- 66.** Letter. James Watt Jr. (Truro) to James Watt (Heathfield). 18 Sep. 1796.  
*Docketed "Sentiments on Maberly's renewed proposals."*
- 67.** Letter. James Watt Jr. (Fenchurch St.) to James Watt (Heathfield). 21 Nov. 1796.  
*Docketed "Ambrose Weston's indisposition. Subpoenas sent to Peareth, Barnes, Chapman etc. William Wilkinson's interview with J. Hornblower. Despondency of the latter and traces of his correspondence with Cornwall."*



**68.** Letter. James Watt Jr. (London) to M. R. Boulton (Soho). 22 Nov. 1796.  
*Docketed "Lodgings for witnesses. Letter to Milur adventurers approved. Articles for Gilpin. Engine drawings and wooden model. Maberly not joined issue. Payment of Meux's premium and subpoena proposed for Daniel. Probable intentions of the enemy."*

**69.** Letter. James Watt Jr. (London) to James Watt (Heathfield). 23 Nov. 1796.  
*Docketed as 24 Nov.*  
*Docketed "Ambrose Weston's indisposition. Reports of the enemy's dejection. Issue to be joined by Maberly and his application for trial at the Bar. Wilson's conduct. Lingard's drawings for framing. Daniel not to be subpoena'd."*

**70.** Letter. James Watt Jr. (London) to James Watt (Heathfield). 24 Nov. 1796.  
*On the same sheet:*  
Memorandum. Notes of what passed on the motion for a trial at Bar.  
*Docketed "Account of Maberly's motion for trial at Bar – rejected. Chief Justice's speech and reasons of refusal."*

**71a.** Letter. James Watt Jr. (Soho) to Boulton & Watt (13 London St.). 29 Dec. 1796.  
*Enclosing (b) below.*  
*Docketed "Copy of Peareth's correspondence."*

**b.** Transcripts. Transcripts of two letters on the same sheet, as follows:  
William Peareth (Usworth House, Durham) to Boulton & Watt. 26 Dec. 1796.  
James Watt Jr. (Soho) to William Peareth (Usworth House). 29 Dec. 1796.

#### **1797.**

**72.** Letter. James Watt Jr. (Soho) to "Messrs. Boulton & Watt" (13 London St.). 2 Jan. 1797.  
2 sheets.  
*Mis-dated as 1796 by James Watt Jr. This letter was addressed on the outside to "Mrs. Matthews for Messrs. Boulton & Watt." Matthew Boulton, James Watt and M. R. Boulton were all in London at the time.*  
*Docketed "Albion Mill. Murdock. Peter Ewart – payment proposed for him. Cash arrangements."*

**73.** Letter. James Watt Jr. (—) to James Watt (13 London St.). — Jan. 1797.  
*Docketed "Lingard countermands his order for 30 horse engine."*

**74.** Letter. James Watt Jr. (London) to James Watt (Heathfield). 1 Feb. 1797.  
*Docketed "On the rule for new trial."*

**75.** Letter. James Watt Jr. (London) to James Watt (Soho). Not dated [2 Feb. 1797].  
*Not dated by James Watt Jr., and docketed as Jan. by Gregory Watt, but postmarked 2 Feb.*  
*Docketed "On the delays of the Albion Mill business. Proceedings relative to the verdict and proceedings against Daniel."*

**76.** Letter. James Watt Jr. (London) to James Watt (Soho). 4 Feb. 1797.  
*Docketed "Law proceedings relative to the verdict. Time settled for the Albion Mill meetings."*

**77.** Letter. James Watt Jr. (London) to James Watt (Heathfield). 8 Feb. 1797.  
*Docketed "On Bramah's letter to the Lord Chief Justice, and on Albion business."*

**78.** Letter. James Watt Jr. (London) to James Watt (—). 10 Feb. 1797.  
*Docketed "On delays in law business."*

**79.** Letter. James Watt Jr. (London) to Boulton & Watt (Soho). 13 Feb. 1797.  
*Docketed "On the motion for a new trial and a special verdict being negatived."*

**80.** Letter. James Watt Jr. (Soho) to M. R. Boulton (13 London St.). 5 Jun. 1797.  
*Docketed "Concurs in the propriety of licensing Garforth's engine. James Stockdale's letter."*

81. Letter. James Watt Jr. (Soho) to M. R. Boulton (13 London St.). 7 Jun. 1797.  
*Docketed "Abraham's debt. Mr. Bond from Davidson & Hawkesley."*
82. Letter. James Watt Jr. (Soho) to M. R. Boulton (13 London St.). 8 Jun. 1797.  
*This letter has been removed from a scrapbook.*  
*Docketed "Substance of reply to Trevithick's application."*
83. Letter. James Watt Jr. (Soho) to M. R. Boulton (London). 10 Jun. 1797.  
*The docket is on a separate wrapper.*  
*Docketed "Enclosing letter from Cobb, ditto from Wilson. To be communicated to Westons. Fox and Williams' visit to Soho. Opinion of the intentions of the adventurers in United Mines. Proposal for going to Cornwall. Daniel's obstinacy."*
84. Letter. James Watt Jr. (Soho) to M. R. Boulton (13 London St.). 12 Jun. 1797.  
*Docketed "Observations on Samuel Wyatt's note and the payment of the sum required. Cornish journey."*
85. Letter. James Watt Jr. (Clifton) to M. R. Boulton (Soho). 2 Oct. 1797.  
*Docketed "Sentiments upon negotiations with Capt. Andrew Vivian and Trevithick."*
86. Letter. James Watt Jr. (Clifton) to M. R. Boulton (Soho). 9 Oct. 1797.  
*Docketed "Proposes to remain longer at Clifton."*
87. Letter. James Watt Jr. (Clifton) to M. R. Boulton (Soho). 17 Oct. 1797.  
*Docketed "Clifton."*
88. Letter. James Watt Jr. (Clifton) to M. R. Boulton (Soho). 27 Nov. 1797.  
*The docket is on a separate wrapper. Docketed as 30 Nov.*  
*Docketed "Wilson's proposals re. Pednandrea Mine and conduct to be pursued with them. Poldice and answer to Mr. Tremayne's letter. Murray's attacks and opposition at Leeds."*
89. Letter. James Watt Jr. (Clifton) to M. R. Boulton (Soho). 5 Dec. 1797.  
*Docketed "Suggests propriety of journey to Cornwall."*
90. Letter. James Watt Jr. (Clifton) to M. R. Boulton (Soho). 6 Dec. 1797.  
*On the same sheet:*  
Letter. Ambrose Weston (Fenchurch St.) to James Watt Jr. (Clifton). 4 Dec. 1797.  
*Docketed "Opinion of measures to be pursued in the case of Murray."*

**3/47 Letters to James Watt, Gregory Watt, M R Boulton, 1798 (57 items)**

1. Letter. James Watt Jr. (Soho) to Gregory Watt (Post Office, Penzance). 30 Jan. 1798.  
*The inside of the letter is directed to Gregory Watt at Truro.*
2. Letter. James Watt Jr. (Soho) to Gregory Watt (—). 16 Feb. 1798.
3. Letter. James Watt Jr. (Soho) to Gregory Watt (care of Thomas Wilson, Truro).  
12 Apr. 1798.  
*With a postscript by M. R. Boulton.*
4. Letter. James Watt Jr. (Soho) to Gregory Watt (care of Thomas Wilson, Truro).  
15 Apr. 1798.
5. Letter. James Watt Jr. (Soho) to Gregory Watt (care of Thomas Wilson, Truro).  
1 May 1798.
6. Letter. James Watt Jr. (Soho) to M. R. Boulton (13 London St.). 3 May 1798.  
*Docketed "Letters from Lee and Thomas Wedgwood respecting arming. Gibson & Forbes' goods detained. History of Chell the lock inspector. Examination of the accounts."*

7. Letter. James Watt Jr. (Soho) to Gregory Watt (care of Thomas Wilson, Truro). 5 May 1798.
8. Letter. James Watt Jr. (Soho) to Gregory Watt (care of Thomas Wilson, Truro). 7 May 1798.
9. Letter. James Watt Jr. (Soho) to M. R. Boulton (London). 7 May 1798.  
*Docketed "Enclosure from Brodie and Mr. Marti of Cadiz. Journey to Gladestry."*
10. Letter. James Watt Jr. [Soho] to M. R. Boulton (13 London St.). "Wednesday noon" [9 May 1798].  
*Docketed "Remittance from Weston. Brodie's visit and submission. Cartwright's puff."*
11. Letter. James Watt Jr. (Salford) to M. R. Boulton (Soho). 5 Jun. 1798.  
*Docketed "New engines and orders in contemplation at Manchester. Horridge's application of his engine to callender rolls. Ridgeway's materials arrived with the exception of the beam."*
12. Letter. James Watt Jr. (Salford) to M. R. Boulton (Soho). 6 Jun. 1798.  
*Docketed "Proceeding to Leeds. State of the engines at Manchester. Directions to forward the copying machine ordered in his former letter."*
13. Letter. James Watt Jr. (Leeds) to M. R. Boulton (Soho). 10 Jun. 1798.  
*Docketed "Report upon the state of the engines at Leeds. Interview with Taylor of Gomershall. Order expected from him. Query as to the policy of licencing Murray's engine at Fisher's."*
14. Letter. James Watt Jr. (Leeds) to M. R. Boulton (Soho). 12 Jun. 1798. 2 sheets.  
*Docketed "Account of the engines at Leeds. Report of Lee and others upon Fisher's engine constructed by Murray's. Excellence of Murray's work and price of his castings."*
15. Letter. James Watt Jr. (Walker Colliery, Newcastle) to M. R. Boulton (Soho). 20 Jun. 1798.  
*Docketed "Confirmation of Mr. Fishwick's order for a 20 horse engine. Particulars and sketch of his situation. Prospect of other orders." The sketch is on the same sheet.*
16. Letter. James Watt Jr. (Newcastle) to M. R. Boulton (Soho). 23 Jun. 1798. 2 sheets.  
*Docketed "Order for 10 horse engine for Kenton Colliery. Answer to queries respecting Lambton engine. Deviation from drawings in the building of Hebburn engine house. Mr. Barnes wants price of cast iron railways agreeably to his sketch. Particulars of Pickermill's scheme for raising the mud of Sunderland Harbour. Steam case wanted by Mr. Barnes for 63 inch engine. Cement for Foster of Horbury. Number of engagements on hand."*
17. Letter. James Watt Jr. (Newcastle) to M. R. Boulton (Soho). 1 Jul. 1798.  
*Docketed "Fishwick's flywheel. Wishes to have equal beam. Drawings to be suspended. Midline of engine same. Steam pipe. Kenton Colliery gauge and feed pipes not to be forwarded by Boulton & Watt. Barnes' brother to provide these in cases where Barnes is employed. Easterby & Hall's situation of engine house. Scarcity of water. State of engines at Shieldrow and Pontop Pike. Dullness of coal trade. Hopes of orders from Cooper etc."*
18. Letter. James Watt Jr. (Newcastle) to "John Southern or Boulton & Watt" (Soho). 3 Jul. 1798.  
*Southern passed this letter to M. R. Boulton.  
Docketed "Data for Kenton Colliery. Fly wheels. Campbell & Gibson's wish to consume smoke. Position of boiler and engine house at Morton. State of engine at Shield Row. Not seen Wade of Hebburn. Elastic connector broken."*

**19.** Letter. James Watt Jr. (Newcastle) to M. R. Boulton (Soho). 9 Jul. 1798. 2 sheets. Docketed *"Hebburn pumps. Wall's End engine repaired. Wishes throttle pipes to be prevented from losing steam. Consumption of ropes at Wall's End. Enclosed copy of letter to Mr. Johnson of Byker. Orders expected. Wishes estimate to be sent to Rainton Colliery, ditto for Biggs Main. Misconduct of young Hawkes."*

**20.** Letter. James Watt Jr. (Newcastle) to M. R. Boulton (Soho). 10 Jul. 1798. 2 sheets. Docketed *"Thinks large engines will be wanted for Wellington and Biggs Main. Order from Mr. Lambton's executors. Proposal for a regular inspection of Boulton & Watt's engines. Candidates for the office. Money advanced by Barnes. Benwell account received. Gateshead pumps wanted. Advises a reduction in the prices of engines. Proposed scheme for drawing coal by the score of corfs. Method for making copperas – answer."*

**21.** Letter. James Watt Jr. (Edinburgh) to M. R. Boulton (Soho). 17 Jul. 1798. Docketed *"Search after Alexander Mackenzie – situation of that gentleman. Conference with Mr. Selkirk. Mackenzie's application for permission to retain the papers relative to Boulton & Watt's business."*

**22.** Letter. James Watt Jr. (Edinburgh) to M. R. Boulton (Soho). 19 Jul. 1798. 2 sheets. Docketed *"Papers and power of attorney withdrawn from Alexander Mackenzie's possession. Copies of his and Mr. Anderson's account against us. Mr. Hotchkiss, Writer to the Signet, appointed in the place of Mr. Mackenzie. Interview with Mr. Smith, partner with Mr. Stein. Our claims upon him compromised for £210, ditto upon W. Aitchison for the time the engine was worked by him for his own account, compted at £20, in addition to the sum, viz. £40, paid by him into the hands of Mr. Anderson. Settlement with the trustees of Aitchison & Co. for the premium due from them."*

**23.** Letter. James Watt Jr. (Edinburgh) to M. R. Boulton (Soho). 20 Jul. 1798. Docketed *"Explanation of our account with Mr. Stein of Kennet Pans, statement of ditto by him. Receipt of £260 on account."*

**24.** Letter. James Watt Jr. (Stirling) to M. R. Boulton (Soho). 21 Jul. 1798. 2 sheets. Docketed *"Alteration in his intended route. State of the engine at Kennet Pans – articles wanted for it. State of the engine at Cannon Mill – articles wanted for it. Man wanted to superintend these repairs. Remarks on the weather in the [?] and on the town and inhabitants of Stirling."*

**25.** Letter. James Watt Jr. (Workington) to M. R. Boulton (Soho). 6 Aug. 1798. 2 sheets. Docketed *"Thinks Brunton should be sent to Messrs. Stein's. Thinks forged iron work for the beams etc. might be advantageously made at Newcastle. Has recommended Boulton & Watt's engines strenuously at Glasgow, Paisley etc. Conversation with Robert Muir, ditto with Mr. Pattinson on the engine he proposes to erect. Went to the Leadhills. State of the engines there. Mr. Wood of Carlisle's engine constructed by Bateman & Sherrat. Arrival at Workington and detection of piracy there. Order for James Watt & Co. from Mr. Miller. Particulars of Mr. Wood's engine."*

**26.** Letter. James Watt Jr. (Whitehaven) to James Watt (Heathfield). 9 Aug. 1798. 2 sheets. Docketed *"Bad state of Boulton & Watt's engines on Mr. Curwen's collieries. Simpson Penrice's engine there. Interview with Mr. Udale, ditto with Mr. Curwen. Lecture to Simpson Penrice. Conversation with Mr. Curwen. Meeting with Mr. Hamilton. Proposed journey to Crossgates Iron Mine."*

**27.** Letter. James Watt Jr. (Settle) to Gregory Watt (Heathfield). 12 Aug. 1798. Docketed *"His projected route. Journey to Crossgates Iron Mine."*

**28.** Letter. James Watt Jr. (Leeds) to Gregory Watt (Soho). 15 Aug. 1798. Docketed *"Uncertainty about Lawson. Murray's scurrilities. Holdforth's conduct. Repair of Nevins & Gatliff and remittance from them. Bad state of Foster's and Nussey's engines. Visit to Low Moor Iron Works. Dawson's settlement with Smalley."*

- 29.** Letter. James Watt Jr. (Soho) to M. R. Boulton (care of Wormald & Co., Leeds). 24 Sep. 1798.
- 30.** Letter. James Watt Jr. (London St.) to M. R. Boulton (Soho). "Tuesday Ev<sup>g</sup>:" [6 Nov. 1798].  
*Docketed "Notifying his arrival in London."*
- 31.** Letter. James Watt Jr. (London) to M. R. Boulton (Soho). 7 Nov. 1798.  
*Docketed "Enclosing James Lawson's letter from Workington."*
- 32.** Letter. James Watt Jr. (London) to M. R. Boulton (Soho). 9 Nov. 1798. 2 sheets.  
*Docketed "Memorandums relative to arrangements at the Foundry. Wilson in Town."*
- 33.** Letter. James Watt Jr. (London) to M. R. Boulton (Soho). 10 Nov. 1798.  
*Docketed "Business in King's Bench postponed. Coslett's engine finished. State of Shadwell. Order from Smith & Co. of Brentford."*
- 34.** Letter. James Watt Jr. (London St.) to M. R. Boulton (Soho). 13 Nov. 1798.  
*Docketed "Suggestions concerning repairs of the old and order for the new engine of Mr. Curwen."*
- 35.** Letter. James Watt Jr. (London) to M. R. Boulton (Soho). 14 Nov. 1798.  
*Docketed "Difficulties in placing Pryor & Co.'s engine. Bramah's affair at Norwich deferred. Particulars of Clark, the purchaser of Cobb's engine. Dayus' suggestions respecting improvements in the construction of the engines."*
- 36.** Letter. James Watt Jr. (London) to M. R. Boulton (Soho). 16 Nov. 1798. 2 sheets.  
*Docketed "Sentiments upon Kenyon's conduct and frivolity of the objections raised by the judges. Measures proposed to retrieve our legal affairs. Proceedings in Chancery advisable to be continued. Brodie's premium to be settled with all speed. Weston's opinion upon the time when our Act expires. Detection of Cobb's duplicity and necessity of bringing the negotiations with him to a speedy close. Wheal Garland's premium and offer to Mr. Tremayne to be explained."*
- 37.** Letter. James Watt Jr. (London) to James Watt (Heathfield). 21 Nov. 1798.  
*Docketed "Weston's proceedings. Shadwell engine. Meeting with Mr. Cooper at Limehouse."*
- 38.** Letter. James Watt Jr. (London) to James Watt (Heathfield). 22 Nov. 1798.  
*Docketed "Revision of our agreements necessary. Difficulty of learning Kenyon's sentiments. Opinion of the motives of his conduct and general reasoning upon our situation. Proposals to the Shadwell Company. Mr. Boulton's stay in Town still uncertain."*
- 39.** Letter. James Watt Jr. (London) to M. R. Boulton (Soho). 24 Nov. 1798. 2 sheets.  
*On the second sheet:*  
Transcript of letter. James Watt Jr. for Boulton & Watt (London) to Thomas Cobb (Banbury). 24 Nov. 1798.  
*Docketed "Conversation with Mr. Hodson on the transactions of Cobb. Letter from Lawson."*
- 40.** Letter. James Watt Jr. (London) to James Watt (Heathfield). 29 Nov. 1798. 2 sheets.  
*Docketed "Consultation with Rous. Effects of an adverse decree. Measures to be pursued. Consideration on compromise with Maberley. Remarks on Cornish affairs."*
- 41.** Letter. James Watt Jr. (London) to M. R. Boulton (Soho). 29 Nov. 1798.  
*Docketed "Conclusion of the business with Shadwell Water Works. Mr. Pryzor not yet visited."*
- 42.** Letter. James Watt Jr. (London) to James Watt (Heathfield). 30 Nov. 1798.  
*Docketed "Abridgement of Reed and Daniell's answer to our last bill against United Mines. Sentiments thereon. Copy of notice directed by them to be stuck up on the mine." The copy of the notice is within the text.*

- 43.** Letter. James Watt Jr. (London) to M. R. Boulton (Soho). 1 Dec. 1798.  
*On the same sheet:*  
Transcript of letter. Thomas Cobb (Banbury) to Boulton & Watt (13 London St.). 30 Nov. 1798.  
*Docketed "Copy of a letter from Cobb. Reflections upon the transactions of that gent."*
- 44.** Letter. James Watt Jr. (London) to M. R. Boulton (Soho). 4 Dec. 1798. 3 sheets.  
*On the second sheet:*  
Draft of letter. James Watt to Mr. — Erskine.  
*Docketed "Arguments against despondency at our late bad success in the King's Bench. Causes of the failure. Measures proposed to retrieve state of our affairs. Order for a 4 horse engine from Maltby. Copy of a letter proposed to be written by Mr. Watt Senr. to Erskine."*
- 45.** Letter. James Watt Jr. (London) to M. R. Boulton [Soho]. 5 Dec. 1798. 2 sheets.  
*The docket is on a separate wrapper. Docketed "Consequences of an adverse decision of the King's Bench and measures to avert the evils of it. Reasons for journey to Cornwall and conduct to be pursued there."*
- 46.** Letter. James Watt Jr. (London) to M. R. Boulton (Soho). 6 Dec. 1798.  
*Docketed "Receipt of Murdock and Mr. Watt's affidavits in the case of United Mines. Sum stated for a 4 horse engine wanted by Maltby. Fish & Yates decline ordering their engine. Visit to an engine where Mr. Conway's patent had been employed. Estimates to be sent to Mr. Sheriff of Leith."*
- 47.** Letter. James Watt Jr. (London) to M. R. Boulton (Soho). 9 Dec. 1798.  
*Docketed "Particulars of Mr. Gilbie's situation and probability of an order for a 20 horse engine from him. Desirous of some discovery to prevent the bad effects of salt water in engines. Bill of £60 procured from Hodgson – and his opinion of Cobb's conduct. Copy of release to the Shadwell Company."*
- 48.** Letter. James Watt Jr. (London) to M. R. Boulton (Soho). 12 Dec. 1798.  
*Docketed "Engine for Mr. Gordon of Goswell Street. Apparatus now employed by Mr. Gordon. Fair opportunity for the introduction of small engines."*
- 49.** Letter. James Watt Jr. (London) to James Watt (Heathfield). 12 Dec. 1798.  
*Docketed "Sentiments upon Mr. Wilson's request to borrow a sum upon the mortgage of his premises. Queries relative to the bad effects to be apprehended from the use of salt water in engines. Suggestions as to the preventatives."*
- 50.** Letter. James Watt Jr. (London) to M. R. Boulton (Soho). 13 Dec. 1798.  
*Docketed "Departure from Town of Mr. Boulton with Mr. Dayus. Reasons for J. Watt Jr.'s continuing there. Demur to the payment of the premium by Bishop & Co. Copy of Weston's sent – general statement of his account wanted."*
- 51.** Letter. James Watt Jr. (London) to M. R. Boulton (Soho). 15 Dec. 1798.  
*Docketed "Interview with Cobb. Sentiments upon the effect of salt water used in engines. Information from Mr. Hall respecting the quantity of water necessary for their lead manufactory."*
- 52.** Letter. James Watt Jr. (London) to James Watt (Heathfield). 17 Dec. 1798.  
*Docketed "His idea of arguments to be used in opposition to the Chancellor's objections. Wishes Mr. Watt to come to Town."*
- 53.** Letter. James Watt Jr. (London) to James Watt (Heathfield). 18 Dec. 1798.  
*Docketed "Documents and papers laid before the Chancellor elucidatory of the double engine patent. Little apprehension of the double and puzzle raised by the United Mines' counsellor. Intimation of Plummer that Erskine may be prevailed upon to argue the case."*

**54.** Letter. James Watt Jr. (London) to M. R. Boulton (Soho). 19 Dec. 1798.  
*Docketed "Story of Darlestone's pretended invention omitted in the proceedings re. United Mines. Conference with Plummer and proposal for Erskine to argue the cause. Interview with Erskine and representation of the importance of the cause with the view of undertaking to give it attention. Gordon desirous of having his small copying machine soon. Johnson & Gould's agreement found in Weston's possession. Desires to see sketch of the proposed plan of boring mill."*

**55.** Letter. James Watt Jr. (London) to M. R. Boulton (Soho). 22 Dec. 1798.  
*The docket is on a separate wrapper. Docketed "Objections to monthly reductions. Brass air pump for Mr. Gilbie's engine, ditto for Surtees & Hall. Corrosion of their water [?]. Sum inserted in Pryor & Co.'s agreement. Symonds' order for a 2 horse engine. Probability of great demand for small engines. Gordon's engine."*

**56.** Letter. James Watt Jr. (London) to M. R. Boulton (Soho). 23 Dec. 1798.  
*Docketed "Business in Chancery postponed. Rous tenacious of his rights to argue the case. The Bar generally in our favour. General outline of the measures in contemplation. Savery's Act of Parliament. Copying machine patent wanted. Wetherall's goods shipped."*

**57.** Letter. James Watt Jr. (London) to M. R. Boulton (Soho). 29 Dec. 1798.  
*Docketed "Engine wanted to drain the dock at Lisbon. Data to be assumed."*