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3/247 Henry Creighton, 1804-1809 (80 items)

1. Letter. Henry Creighton (Coniston) to Boulton Watt & Co. (Soho). 19 Oct. 1804.
Docketed "Health improved. Will return to Manchester in a day or two."
2. Letter. Henry Creighton (Manchester) to James Lawson (Soho). 29 Dec. 1804.
Docketed "Catterall's goods detained by the frost at Fazeley. Orders cement for Marsland & Robinson. Pooley's pipes not arrived."
3. Letter. Henry Creighton (Manchester) to Boulton Watt & Co. (Soho). 28 Apr. 1805.
Docketed "Order for a 24 horse cylinder for Messrs. Southam. See his letter of 9 May."
4. Letter. Henry Creighton (Manchester) to Boulton Watt & Co. (Soho). 9 May 1805.
Docketed "Southam's intended enlargement of their engine suspended. Daintry & Co. want a man to erect their engine. Same hand might afterwards erect Parsons'. Radcliffe & Ross wish to know when their pipes will be completed."
5. Letter. Henry Creighton (Leicester) to Boulton Watt & Co. (Soho). 26 Jul. 1805.
Docketed as 25 Jul: "Report of the state of Mr. Cox's engine. Has got the principal defects modified and the engine to work tolerably well. Mr. Cox refuses to pay our account until he has had a further trial of the engine. Intends being in Birmingham on Friday."
6. Letter. Henry Creighton (Manchester) to Boulton Watt & Co. (Soho). 13 Jan. 1806.
Docketed "Kenworthy's piston rod broke. Order for a new one. Complaints about Smith's engine and Daintry & Co.'s pipes."
7. Letter. Henry Creighton (Manchester) to Boulton Watt & Co. (Soho). 25 Mar. 1806.
Docketed "Remittance in account of Wood & Harrop and a small surplus to the credit of McConnell & Kennedy."
8. Letter. Henry Creighton (Manchester) to Boulton Watt & Co. (Soho). 7 Apr. 1806.
Docketed "Has made sketches for Mr. Gott's photogenous apparatus. Receipts from Humble and M. & J. Bateson. Foster will settle with Mr. Lawson. Askham Eyre & Co. complain of the syphons sent, which they will return. Their engine out of order. Want us to take back a rotative shaft and steam pipe. Mr. Fenton will not begin the erection of his engine for 2 or 3 months. Order for six horse boiler for Messrs. Gott Wormald & Co. They want sketch of king post for beam."
9. Letter. Henry Creighton (Manchester) to Boulton Watt & Co. [Soho]. 12 Apr. 1806.
Docketed "With sketches of Mr. Gott's mills and his orders for photogenous apparatus. Conversation with Mr. Andrew respecting his order. Defects of Dixon & Co.'s working gear, to be altered at Whitsuntide. Ridgway orders cylinder lid for his 24 horse engine. Mr. Leach's engine to be tried on Thursday."
10. Letter. Henry Creighton (Manchester) to Boulton Watt & Co. (Soho). 12 Apr. 1806.
Docketed "Statement of facts respecting Mr. Andrew's order. W. Murdock Jr. will have finished at Mr. Leach's in a week."

- 11.** Letter. Henry Creighton (Manchester) to Boulton Watt & Co. (Soho). 14 Apr. 1806.
Docketed "Mr. G. Cheetham wants estimate of a 20 horse etc. Mr. Hutton arrived. Mr. Bridge to have a spare air pump bucket."
- 12.** Letter. Henry Creighton (Manchester) to Boulton Watt & Co. (Soho). 9 May 1806.
Docketed "Account of Baron & Ditchfield. Mr. Penson of Wigan wants a lighting apparatus. State of Mr. Lodge's engine at Halifax. Direction of Mr. Aston's fly wheel."
- 13.** Letter. Henry Creighton (Manchester) to Boulton Watt & Co. (Soho). 13 May 1806.
Docketed "Gavin gone to Ridgway's. Instructions sent to him to proceed to Carlisle. Douglas & Co. intend to erect their 12 horse engine at Annan. Remittance from Newall Brothers."
- 14.** Letter. Henry Creighton (Manchester) to John Southern (Soho). 19 May 1806.
Docketed "Return of Gavin from Carlisle. Order for small connecting wheel for Carlisle Twist Co. Gavin to do the repairs of S. Marsland's engine during the Race weeks. Robert McMurdo to go to Dixon & Co. Ridgway's to be finished this week. New breakage of bevill wheels and fly shaft at Holt Town. Proposes going to Holywell to take sketches of the mills there. Enquires about James Kennedy's shaft."
- 15.** Letter. Henry Creighton (Manchester) to Boulton Watt & Co. [Soho]. 28 May 1806.
Docketed "With photogenous sketches of the Holywell mills. Mr. Douglas wants estimates of them and his mill at Pendleton. Robert McMurdo making alterations of eccentric etc. at Dixon & Co. Ridgway's engine started. His enquiry about coin. Ewart to send the sketches of his mill."
- 16.** Letter. Henry Creighton (Manchester) to Boulton Watt & Co. [Soho]. 14 Jun. 1806.
Docketed "Mr. Sandford wishes to have his engine thoroughly repaired. Cast iron box sent with Mitchell & Co.'s eccentric working gear does not fit. Receipt of £4.15 from Gaskell. Robert McMurdo to return home. Progress made at S. Bridge's. Gazometer for Ridgway to be forwarded. Order for Samuel Dodge, late Hunt's engine."
- 17.** Letter. Henry Creighton (Manchester) to Boulton Watt & Co. (Soho). 29 Jun. 1806.
Docketed "Mr. Horrocks only wishes to have one of his mills lighted at first. Sketches of it and of Messrs. Watson & Co. to be sent in a day or two. Reference to Mr. Hutton respecting Waton & Co.'s account and statement of Gavin's time. Ashton's engine doing well. Employment of Gavin. Remarks on Mr. Bridge's materials. Receipt from Barlow & Son. Buchan & Shaw object to charge for Haden's expenses. Gavin, Robert and James McMurdo's time at their engine and charge for ditto. A. & G. Murray claim an allowance upon a broken cylinder lid. Enquiring for photogenous estimates. Orders spare segment of large connecting wheel for Dixon & Co."
- 18.** Letter. Henry Creighton (Manchester) to Boulton Watt & Co. (Soho). 2 Jul. 1806.
Docketed "Inconvenient for Gavin to go to Wakefield, being urgently wanted at Manchester. State of Askham Eyre & Co.'s engine when he last saw it."
- 19.** Letter. Henry Creighton (Manchester) to Boulton Watt & Co. [Soho]. 7 Jul. 1806.
Docketed "Explanation of the transaction with Watson Ainsworth & Co. Murrays agree to divide the cost of the new cylinder lid. 2 boxes of cement for Westerman."
- 20.** Letter. Henry Creighton (Manchester) to Boulton Watt & Co. (Soho). 12 Jul. 1806.
Docketed "Result of his examination – Askham Eyre & Co.'s engine. Thinks the steam case can be repaired. Caulk joint chiefly leaking. Orders a new ball syphon."
- 21.** Letter. Henry Creighton (Manchester) to Boulton Watt & Co. (Soho). 22 Jul. 1806.
Docketed "Explanations of Mr. S. Cheetham's order. P. Marsland orders the apparatus complete for his experimental boiler. Mr. G. Cheetham will want a hand for the erection of his engine in a month."

22. Letter. Henry Creighton (Manchester) to Boulton Watt & Co. (Soho). 6 Aug. 1806.
Letter continued on 7 Aug.

Docketed "Mr. William Fenton states that he understood his father had remitted for the engine. Sketch of the proposed application of the engine to winding coals. Messrs. Walker's engines are performing well. Mr. S. Cheetham's to be sent as soon as it can be got ready."

23. Letter. Henry Creighton (Manchester) to Boulton Watt & Co. (Soho). 26 Aug. 1806.
Docketed "Explanation of his arrangement with Askham Eyre & Co. Progress made by G. Taylor at Holme & Co.'s. Accident at Hanworthy's engine – James McMurdo repairing it. Mr. Lee gone to Scotland. Indifferent character of Mr. Lupton of Altrincham. Greg & Ewart order cement. P. Marsland proposes an alteration in his sizing cistern. S. Bridge wants his steam pipes."

24. Letter. Henry Creighton (Manchester) to Boulton Watt & Co. (Soho). 29 Aug. 1806.
On the same sheet:

Letter. John Holme & Co. (Rochdale) to Boulton Watt & Co. 27 Aug. 1806.

Docketed "Letter from John Holme & Co. and remarks on the state of their engine. G. Taylor going to Wakefield. Kenworthy at work again."

25. Letter. Henry Creighton (Manchester) to Boulton Watt & Co. (Soho). 18 Sep. 1806.
Docketed "Holme & Co. had packed their piston overtight. The engine now performs tolerably. G. Taylor has made Askham Eyre & Co.'s engine quite tight and is gone to Staleybridge. Fenton likely soon to want an engine erector at Greasbrough. Defects in the joints of the 14 and 20 horse nozzles. Remarks upon the fitting up of connecting rods and parallel motions."

26. Letter. Henry Creighton (Manchester) to Boulton Watt & Co. (Soho). 1 Oct. 1806.
Docketed "Directions given to Horton about Appleton & Ogden's boiler. Bridge's engine started and performs well. Inspection of Mr. Kennedy's slide valves. Supposed insufficiency of Mr. P. Marsland's small boiler and safety valve. Samuel Cheetham's drawings to be followed etc. Order for sundry pipes etc. for Mr. P. Marsland. Receipt of Mr. James Kennedy's drawings."

27. Letter. Henry Creighton (Manchester) to Boulton Watt & Co. (Soho). 11 Oct. 1806.
On the same sheet:

Sketches. Boiler and pipes for Greenway Potter & Co., calico printers.

Docketed "Order for boiler and heating apparatus for Messrs. Greenway Potter & Co."

28. Letter. Henry Creighton (Manchester) to Boulton Watt & Co. (Soho). 17 Oct. 1806.
Docketed "G. Cheetham's engine will be finished in 3 weeks. Explanation of the boiler ordered for Greenway Potter & Co. Steam boxes etc. ordered by Fort Hargreaves & Co."

29. Letter. Henry Creighton (Manchester) to Boulton Watt & Co. (Soho). 24 Oct. 1806.
Docketed "Mr. Wright inclined to have a 20 horse engine. Has taken particulars of his situation. Favourable report of his credit etc. S. Bridge has sold his 6 horse to Mr. Ryle and his 10 horse to Mr. Smith of Halifax, who wants a man to erect it. Receipt of £7.5.6 from Kenworthy. A. & G. Murray enquire about the directions given by Mr. Lawson for their fly shaft. Mr. Holgate's explanation of his application to us."

30. Letter. Henry Creighton (Manchester) to Boulton Watt & Co. (Soho). 4 Nov. 1806.
Docketed "A. & G. Murray's small connecting wheel to be made to suit the shaft sent. They propose casting a new shaft themselves. Articles sent by Mr. Smith (the purchaser of Bridge's 10 horse engine) to be repaired. S. Cheetham's engine house nearly ready and well done. Wishes to dispose of his 4 horse engine. Report of the state of J. Bury's affairs etc."

31. Letter. Henry Creighton (Manchester) to Boulton Watt & Co. (Soho). 8 Nov. 1806.
Docketed "Interview with Mr. Rowland of Oldham and remarks. The drawing of Mr. Marsland's 45 horse engine wait his return. Progress made by Mr. Lee in his photogenous apparatus. Mr. Lee to make further enquiries about Bury. Orders 6 boxes cement and new damper."

- 32.** Letter. Henry Creighton (Manchester) to Boulton Watt & Co. (Soho). 13 Nov. 1806.
Docketed "Brought by George Taylor who has completed Mr. George Cheetham's engine. Mr. Smith not ready. Further particulars of the transaction with Greenway Potter & Co."
- 33.** Letter. Henry Creighton (Manchester) to Boulton Watt & Co. (Soho). 29 Nov. 1806.
On the same sheet:
Account of Gavin McMurdo's time, 1806.
Docketed "Statement of Gavin McMurdo's time and expenses from 10 Feb. 1806. James McMurdo putting up Mr. Gott's boiler. Messrs. Knight undetermined about their engine etc."
- 34.** Letter. Henry Creighton (Manchester) to Boulton Watt & Co. (Soho). 4 Dec. 1806.
Docketed "Statement of his account of travelling expenses etc. Derangement of Pooley's affairs, compromise with his creditors. Encloses account of advances etc. by McConnel & Kennedy. Their desire to have our counterstatement. Fenton's agent applies for an engine erector. Fort Hargreaves & Co. enquire about their engine."
- 35.** Letter. Henry Creighton (Manchester) to Boulton Watt & Co. (Soho). 10 Dec. 1806.
Docketed "Remittance from Chatham and Messrs. Holmes. Estimate wanted by the latter. Promise of a remittance from Mr. Ridgeway."
- 36.** Letter. Henry Creighton (Manchester) to Boulton Watt & Co. (Soho). 16 Dec. 1806.
Docketed "Fort Hargreaves & Co. desirous of having a large boiler if the engine is not sent off. Enquiry of Messrs. Murray after their connecting wheels. Order of Messrs. Sandford's."
- 37.** Letter. Henry Creighton (Manchester) to Boulton Watt & Co. (Soho). 3 Jan. 1807.
Docketed "Receipts from McConnel & Co., Dixon Greenhalgh & Co., Taylor Weston & Co. and Ollivant & Co. Promises from W. Clegg and Ridgway & Co. for Wormald & Co.'s engine at Leeds. B. & W. Sandford want a man to repair their engine. Bury's affairs in statu quo. Knight and Holme & Co. object to our statements."
- 38.** Letter. Henry Creighton (Manchester) to Boulton Watt & Co. (Soho). 8 Jan. 1807.
Docketed "Remits £227 from Alexander Smith & Co., ditto £68 from T. & J. Ollivant. Fracture of S. Bridge's fly shaft. Jos. Varley to set about the repairs of B. & W. Sandford."
- 39.** Letter. Henry Creighton (Manchester) to Boulton Watt & Co. (Soho). 14 Jan. 1807.
Docketed "Particulars of the failure of Mr. Bridge's shaft. Bade report of Mr. Walter Peters. Proposes Varley to erect Messrs. Fort Hargreaves & Co.'s engine. Gavin to finish Messrs. Murrays' in 3 weeks. Proposes that he should erect Mr. Samuel Cheetham's next. Remittances promised by Mr. Clegg and Mr. Radcliffe. Has got some of the small accounts settled and expects to get more."
- 40a.** Letter. Henry Creighton (Manchester) to Boulton Watt & Co. (Soho). 27 Dec. 1807.
Letter continued on 28 Dec. Enclosing (b) below.
Docketed "Enclosing the results of three weeks' experiments with Mr. Lee's photogenous apparatus. Orders sundry pipes for Mr. P. Marsland's cold water pump. His engine will be started next week. Mr. Holme enquires about cement which Mr. Lawson was to have ordered. Birley & Sons complain of their engine not performing well."
- b.** Memorandum. Results of the Experiments made with Mr. Lee's Photogenous Apparatus.
28 Dec. 1807.
Reports by Henry Creighton and George A. Lee.
- 41.** Letter. Henry Creighton (Manchester) to Boulton Watt & Co. (Soho). 10 Jan. 1808.
Docketed "Gavin gone to Birley & Sons. Suspects their engineman to be a schemer. Horrocks of Stockport has failed and the goods for him are stopped in the hands of the carrier. Further remarks on the experiments he is making with the new light. McConnel & Kennedy and James Kennedy wish to proceed with their apparatus. Proposes a new construction of the gazometer pits. Receipt of £4.6 from McConnel & Kennedy."

- 42.** Letter. Henry Creighton (Manchester) to Boulton Watt & Co. (Soho). 16 Jan. 1808.
Docketed "Arrival of Mr. Brown whom he will accompany to Oakenshaw. Gavin's report on Messrs. Birley & Sons' engine. Gavin now at Messrs. Philips & Co.'s 4 horse engine. James McMurdo at Mr. Howard's."
- 43.** Memorandum. Henry Creighton, Salford, 25 Jan. 1808. 2 sheets.
Docketed "Answers and observations relative to photogenous queries etc. Oeconomical [sic] statement for an average of 3 hours burning per day. Remarks upon seating of the small retort at the Foundry."
- 44.** Letter. Henry Creighton (Manchester) to Boulton Watt & Co. (Soho). 29 Jan. 1808.
Letter continued on 30 Jan.
Docketed "Further remarks upon his proposed new plan of gazometer for Mr. James Kennedy. Performance of Mr. P. Marsland's engine. Wishes the large connecting wheels to be made in a piece. Progress made in the dyehouse etc. at Fort Hargreaves & Co. Unfavourable report of Mr. Dumbell. Mr. H^r. Birley wishes to have the photogenous sketches of his mill returned, and an estimate of the expense of a reduced apparatus. Indicator wanted to ascertain the power of Crumbleholme & Co.'s engine. John Lees wanted estimate of pumping engine with 36 inch cylinder. He complains of our boilers being too small. T. Philips & Co. order a new forcing pump to supply a cistern. Their statement of what Mr. Lawson promised that the boiler would perform in the way of heating vats etc. Mr. Lee admits the light to have been reduced from what it formerly was."
- 45.** Letter. Henry Creighton (Manchester) to Boulton Watt & Co. (Soho). 8 Feb. 1808.
Docketed "Statement of men's time at P. Marsland's. Remittance of £1285 on Mr. Marsland's account who requests to be indulged with a month's time for the payment of the remainder. Nothing settled respecting Cheetham's debt. S. Horrocks' creditors intend selling his mill. Enquires about a small sizing apparatus supposed to have been ordered for Mr. Turner."
- 46.** Letter. Henry Creighton (Manchester) to Boulton Watt & Co. (Soho). 12 Feb. 1808.
Docketed "Estimate of a pumping engine wanted by Mr. John Lees. Fort Hargreaves & Co. want a steam gauge."
- 47.** Letter. Henry Creighton (Manchester) to Boulton Watt & Co. (Soho). 16 Mar. 1808.
Docketed "Confirms Mr. Kennedy's statement of Gavin's account. Gone to Oakenshaw."
- 48.** Letter. Henry Creighton (Manchester) to Boulton Watt & Co. (Soho). 11 Apr. 1808.
Docketed "Mr. Howard's engine started well excepting the noise of the connecting wheels. Estimate of new nozzles and working gear wanted by Simpson & Co. Account of James McMurdo's time."
- 49.** Letter. Henry Creighton (Manchester) to Boulton Watt & Co. (Soho). 16 Apr. 1808.
Docketed "Receipts from sundries. Birley & Co. enquire about the estimate of photogenous apparatus. Remarks on sundry unsettled accounts. Gavin will soon be in want of a job."
- 50.** Letter. Henry Creighton (Manchester) to Boulton Watt & Co. (Soho). 27 Apr. 1808.
Docketed "Remittance of £1000 on account of Mr. Howard, who asks time for the remainder."
- 51.** Letter. Henry Creighton (Roserea) to Boulton Watt & Co. (Soho). 25 May 1808.
Docketed "Progress made in Duffy & Co.'s and Anderson & Son's engine houses etc. John Brunton not arrived. G. Birch & Co.'s materials rusty. Recommended additional precautions in packing for Ireland. Duffy & Co.'s piston too large."
- 52.** Letter. Henry Creighton (Dublin) to Boulton Watt & Co. (Soho). 7 Jun. 1808.
Docketed "Progress making at G. Birch & Co. Ditto at Messrs. Jamieson & Co.'s. John Brunton supposed to be detained at Belfast. Duffy & Co.'s small engine nearly finished. Enquires about allowance to Mr. Cassidy."

- 53.** Letter. Henry Creighton (Dublin) to Boulton Watt & Co. (Soho). 24 Jun. 1808.
Docketed "G. Birch & Co.'s engine set to work and performs well. Statement of account with them. Settlement with Cassidy deferred for want of Johnson's account of repairs. Progress made at Duffy & Co.'s John Brunton arrived at Jamieson & Co.'s."
- 54.** Letter. Henry Creighton (Belfast) to Boulton Watt & Co. (Soho). 6 Jul. 1808.
Docketed "Mr. Walsh wants estimate of a 6 horse engine. Favourable report of the engines at Belfast. Pollock & Co. deficient in injection water. Receipt of £23.5 from Seed & Baillie. Application from Mr. Joy for an estimate. State of forwardness of the Dublin engines."
- 55.** Letter. Henry Creighton (Dublin) to Boulton Watt & Co. (Soho). 24 Jul. 1808.
Docketed "Bourke & Co. are to see some of the Dublin engines and then determine. T. & W. Wise undetermined whether to have heavy fly wheel. John Smith to set out immediately. James McMurdo in 3 weeks."
- 56.** Letter. Henry Creighton (Dublin) to Boulton Watt & Co. (Soho). 25 Jul. 1808.
Docketed "By John Smith upon his return from Ireland."
- 57.** Letter. Henry Creighton (Dublin) to Boulton Watt & Co. (Soho). 8 Aug. 1808.
Docketed "Bourke & Co.'s order dubious. Anderson & Son's engine at work and James McMurdo to return to Soho this week. Progress made at Duffy's. Messrs. Guinness have applied to him to work at their premises."
- 58.** Letter. Henry Creighton (Dublin) to Boulton Watt & Co. (Soho). 13 Aug. 1808.
Docketed "James McMurdo has completed Anderson's engine to their satisfaction. Settlement of Cassidy's account."
- 59.** Letter. Henry Creighton (Dublin) to Boulton Watt & Co. (Soho). 24 Aug. 1808.
Docketed "Messrs. Wise's drawings not received."
- 60.** Letter. Henry Creighton (Dublin) to Boulton Watt & Co. (Soho). 25 Aug. 1808.
Docketed "Receipt of Messrs. Wise's drawings. Will set out for Cork immediately."
- 61.** Letter. Henry Creighton (Dublin) to Boulton Watt & Co. (Soho). 10 Sep. 1808.
Docketed "Waiting for instructions etc. etc."
- 62.** Letter. Henry Creighton (Dublin) to Boulton Watt & Co. (Soho). 15 Sep. 1808.
Docketed "Duffy & Co. have not come to any determination respecting their steam apparatus. The sketches will be preserved for a future occasion. Messrs. Guinness are getting out the foundations of their engine and Varley has received the directions we mentioned. Expects to leave Dublin in a few days."
- 63.** Letter. Henry Creighton (Newcastle) to Boulton Watt & Co. (Soho). 3 Feb. 1809.
Docketed "Cause of the stoppage of Messrs. Wedgwood & Co.'s engine and remedy applied. The engine doing well bit overloaded. Mr. Wedgwood satisfied. Favourable report of Walker & Thompson's engine. The difficulty of starting Mr. Hamilton's removed by the new cistern."
- 64.** Letter. Henry Creighton (Manchester) to Boulton Watt & Co. (Soho). 10 Feb. 1809.
Docketed "Defects in the cap and gudgeon etc. of P. Marsland's 45 horse. Is likely soon to be set to full work. Remarks on H. Birley & Co.'s lighting apparatus. The large sliding valve engines doing well. T. Houldsworth likely to want a 10 horse engine. P. Marsland and others making enquiries about the gas lights. Mr. Oldknow wants a rough estimate of a heating apparatus for his mill at Mellor."

- 65.** Letter. Henry Creighton (Manchester) to Boulton Watt & Co. (Soho). 14 Feb. 1809.
Letter continued on 15 Feb.
Docketed "Experiment to ascertain the proportion of gas and light in Worsley Canal coal. Also quantity of coke remaining. Thomas Philips & Co. are disappointed in not receiving the new boiler etc. Sundry complaints as to the burners – and improvements suggested. Also complaints relative to retorts of Mr. Lee's. Has settled some points with Mr. Barton about McCrane's engine."
- 66.** Letter. Henry Creighton (Manchester) to Boulton Watt & Co. (Soho). 23 Feb. 1809.
On the same sheet:
Sketch. Plan of P. Marsland's new building at Stockport.
Docketed "Orders piston ring for Crumbleholme & Crompton, and cement. P. Marsland wants estimate of a lighting apparatus. Mr. Kennedy likely to light his mill. Thomas Philips & Co. want estimate of pipes for heating."
- 67.** Letter. Henry Creighton (Manchester) to Boulton Watt & Co. (Soho). 27 Feb. 1809.
On the same sheet:
Sketch. Thomas Philips & Co.'s stove.
Docketed "Particulars of the heating apparatus for the stove of Messrs. Thomas Philips & Co. of which estimate is wanted."
- 68.** Letter. Henry Creighton (Manchester) to Boulton Watt & Co. (Soho). 13 Mar. 1809.
Docketed "Remittance from H. Birley & Co. and statement of their account. Two elbow joints to be returned from them. Ridgway & Sons have settled small account. Are short of power. Have purchased a small engine from the Lancaster Canal. Gavin to repair Hilton & Sales' engine. Settlement of their account. John Howard has purchased Milner & Whittaker's engine. Appointment with Mr. Kenworthy."
- 69.** Letter. Henry Creighton (Manchester) to Boulton Watt & Co. (Soho). 17 Mar. 1809.
Docketed "Remits bills from sundries. Mr. Kenworthy likely to order a small engine soon. Ridgways have purchased the 3 horse engine from the Lancaster Canal. Orders cement for T. Houldsworth."
- 70.** Letter. Henry Creighton (Manchester) to Boulton Watt & Co. [Soho]. 7 Jul. 1809.
Docketed "Receipt from W. Howard & Co. for returned bill. Sends bill for £38. Enquiry about an extinguishing engine. Birley & Co. have purchased the Chorlton Twist Mill and are likely to want a large engine."
- 71.** Letter. Henry Creighton (Manchester) to Boulton Watt & Co. (Soho). 11 Jul. 1809.
Docketed "Mr. Birley wants to know when the small order for little engine will be sent. Also separate cost of sundry articles for ditto."
- 72.** Letter. Henry Creighton (Manchester) to Boulton Watt & Co. (Soho). 2 Aug. 1809.
Docketed "Advise wanted of the goods sent for Birley & Hornby's 4 horse engine. Also account of the cost of certain parts."
- 73.** Letter. Henry Creighton (Manchester) to Boulton Watt & Co. (Soho). 13 Oct. 1809.
Docketed "Mr. Gott wants a sketch by which to arrange the gas pipes at Armley Mill. McConnel & Kennedy – 6 stories are lighted, and do well."
- 74a.** Letter. Henry Creighton (Manchester) to Boulton Watt & Co. (Soho). 23 Oct. 1809.
Attached to (b) below.
Docketed "Enclosing a letter from Mr. Hervey with enquiries relative to the comparative safety of the gas lights. The insurance officers have offered to reduce their premiums on buildings so lighted."
- b.** Letter. James Hervey (Manchester) to Henry Creighton (Manchester). 20 Oct. 1809.

75. Letter. Henry Creighton (Manchester) to Boulton Watt & Co. (Soho). 31 Oct. 1809. *Docketed "Mr. Lees, a machine maker, wants estimate of a 4 horse engine. Encloses account of Gavin's time."*

76a. Letter. Henry Creighton (Manchester) to Boulton Watt & Co. (Soho). 7 Nov. 1809. *Kept with (b) below.*
Docketed "Has not heard anything of the parcel mentioned in our last. Marriott & Robinson's mill at work. Some chances of payment of the account were presented. Late S. Cheetham's affairs in a very bad state – and no chance from his son, who has the 20 horse engine. John Read is now a broker in Liverpool. Shallcross and his partner have left the country. Watson & Sons' affairs very bad. Radcliffe & Ross separated before their bankruptcy – are now doing a little business for themselves separate. Buchan & Shaw want their cylinder top. Orders to proceed with Pooley's nozzles. Birley & Hornby are ready for their engine materials. James Kennedy's slide valves perfectly good."

b. Note of the time needed to complete Birley & Hornby's engine.

77. Letter. Henry Creighton (Manchester) to Boulton Watt & Co. [Soho]. 11 Nov. 1809. *Docketed "Has received the parcel sent the 4th. Mr. Holt wishes estimate of a new cylinder with short stroke. Gavin's time is not included in T. Philips & Co.'s account. An objectionable charge in P. Marsland's account. Gavin's time at P. Marsland. Is going to Stockport."*

78. Letter. Henry Creighton (Manchester) to Boulton Watt & Co. (Soho). 18 Nov. 1809. *Docketed "Receipt from sundries on account of Boulton Watt & Co. Ditto from Nichols & Haywood on J. Watt & Co.'s account. Remits bill for £50. Mr. James Kennedy better."*

79. Letter. Henry Creighton (Manchester) to Boulton Watt & Co. (Soho). 7 Dec. 1809. *Docketed "Encloses bill for £40 from W. & J. Bayley. McNaught & Drew would order a lighting apparatus if an extension of credit were given. Mr. John Harrison wants estimate of a 14 horse engine with a 16 horse boiler. Mr. John Philips still intends having a heating apparatus for the mill at Tean. Gavin continues unwell."*

80. Letter. Henry Creighton (Manchester) to Boulton Watt & Co. (Soho). 30 Dec. 1809. *Docketed "Statement of Gavin's time at sundries. Mr. Holt will want a man to assist in putting in his cylinder."*

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(100 items)

Letters from William Creighton from 1796, and from 1800 to 1805, and 1815. Creighton was one of Boulton Watt & Co.'s longest-serving engineers; prior to his taking over as head of the Drawing Office on the death of John Southern in 1815, he was a travelling engine erector and agent. During the period of this correspondence, he was based in Manchester, but made extended journeys to Scotland. He also attended engines in other towns within travelling distance from Manchester, such as Preston, Hull, Halifax, Macclesfield, Newcastle-under-Lyme and Chester.

1. Letter. William Creighton (Soho) to James Watt Jr. [London]. 8 Dec. 1796.

2. Memorandum. Copy of Instructions for Mr. Creighton. Jan. 1800.

3. Letter. William Creighton (Manchester) to Gregory Watt (Soho). 24 Feb. 1800. *Docketed "Mr. Haughton unable to find a purchaser for his engine. Goods lying at Manchester."*

4. Letter. William Creighton (Preston) to Boulton & Watt (Soho). 27 Feb. 1800. *Docketed "Application to Leeming for payment of his account. Mistake in ditto. Framing erecting. Order for copying paper."*

- 5.** Letter. William Creighton (Preston) to Boulton & Watt (Soho). 5 Mar. 1800.
On the same sheet:
Letter. Thomas Leeming (Preston) to Boulton & Watt (Soho). 4 Mar. 1800.
Docketed "Letter from Leeming. Manoeuvres of that gentleman. Wants instructions. Return to Manchester."
- 6.** Letter. William Creighton (Manchester) to Boulton & Watt (Soho). 9 Mar. 1800.
Docketed "Wanting estimate for Mr. P. Appleton. W. Rudge disengaged."
- 7.** Letter. William Creighton (Manchester) to Boulton & Watt (Soho). 14 Mar. 1800.
Letter continued on 15 Mar.
Docketed "Remittance from James Lees. Ditto from Dean. Payment from McConnel & Co. Ditto from Marshall. Statement of delays and pretences urged by diverse. Estimates wanted for Hibbert & Smethurst. McMurdo gone to Horrocks. Kennedy & Nuttal ready to start. Rudge to be sent home. Query about W. Wright."
- 8.** Letter. William Creighton (Manchester) to Boulton & Watt (Soho). 21 Mar. 1800.
Docketed "Remittance from Holland & Co. Pleas urged by several for non-remittance. Hibbert & Smethurst have had estimates. James Nield has applied to Thomas Livesey. Stoppage of Drinkwater's engine. Mr. Horrocks not ready for Gavin. Estimates wanted for W. & T. Turner. Kennedy & Nuttal's engine nearly ready for work."
- 9.** Letter. William Creighton (Manchester) to Boulton & Watt (Soho). 1 Apr. 1800.
Docketed "Character of Messrs. Turner. Interview with Horridge and remittance of £100 from him. Pretences for not settling the account at present. Finds Wright at Leeming's. Grumbling of the latter. Horrocks cannot stop for the erection of the engine till June. W. Wright's time."
- 10.** Letter. William Creighton (Manchester) to Boulton & Watt (Soho). 10 Apr. 1800.
Docketed "Remittance of £140 on account of Green & Stephenson."
- 11.** Letter. William Creighton (Manchester) to Boulton & Watt (Soho). 15 May 1800.
On the same sheet:
Letter. William Creighton (Manchester) to Gregory Watt (Soho). 15 May 1800.
Docketed "Read's proposal for payment. Barton complains of charge of cement. The Chorlton Twist Co. want their nozzles. Sherbourne wants drawings of Ravenhead engine."
- 12.** Letter. William Creighton (Chester) to Boulton & Watt (Soho). 6 Jun. 1800.
Letter continued on 7 Jun. On the same sheet:
Table of experiments of Thomas Walker & Co.'s engine at the Lead Works, Chester.
Docketed "Account and particulars of experiments upon Messrs. Walker & Co.'s engine."
- 13.** Letter. William Creighton (Manchester) to Boulton & Watt (Soho). 25 Jun. 1800.
Docketed "Remittance Stephenson & Green. Mr. Appleton wishes to change the size of his engine. Order from Hibbert & Smethurst. Ditto Simpson & Co."
- 14.** Memorandums from Mr. Creighton. 9 Jul. 1800.
Notes concerning payment of accounts in Manchester.
- 15.** Memorandums for Mr. Creighton. 11 Jul. 1800. 4 sheets sewn together.
In M. R. Boulton's hand. Instructions for attending engines in Scotland.
- 16.** Letter. William Creighton (Glasgow) to Boulton & Watt (Soho). 29 Nov. 1800.
Docketed "Excuses for his inattention to orders. Account of the performance of the Clyde engine. Estimate of new boiler and apparatus wanted by Pattieson."
- 17.** Letter. William Creighton (Newcastle) to Boulton & Watt (Soho). 23 Dec. 1800.
Docketed "Beckington gone to Jamaica. Particulars of his route. Mr. Barnes' illness. New engine wanted by Easterby & Hall."

- 18.** Letter. William Creighton (Manchester) to Boulton & Watt (Soho). 30 Dec. 1800.
Docketed "Journey from Newcastle thither. Dean's Mill burnt down and Jones wishes for instructions."
- 19.** Letter. William Creighton (Manchester) to Boulton & Watt (Soho). 10 Jan. 1801.
Docketed "Newall's engine working well. Endeavours to procure remittances from sundries. A. & G. Murray want new engine. Alterations proposed in Pollard's engine. Parcel with Dean's deed is arrived."
- 20.** Letter. William Creighton (Manchester) to Boulton & Watt [Soho]. 23 Jan. 1801.
Docketed "Will explain time to Mr. Lodge. Bateman & Sherratt have raised their services and terms. 2 engines ordered by Daintry & Co. Charles Lees & Co. object to payment of account. Horrocks ditto. Will enquire about boiler setting at Caton."
- 21.** Letter. William Creighton (Manchester) to Boulton & Watt [Soho]. 1 Feb. 1801.
Docketed "State of Chorlton Twist engine. Pollard agrees to rotative wheels – time. Estimates given to Mr. Lodge and A. & G. Murray. Does not know Thelfal. Articles at Cook & Co.'s. Dean's account paid to Jones. Fires at Manchester."
- 22.** Letter. William Creighton (Manchester) to Boulton & Watt [Soho]. 6 Feb. 1801.
Docketed "Arrangement of account with Charles Lees & Co. Trial with indicator at Chorlton Twist engine."
- 23.** Letter. William Creighton (Manchester) to Boulton & Watt (Soho). 16 Feb. 1801.
Docketed "Receipt from Horrocks. Rigby & Chadwick have had account. Assignees of Hunt ditto. Particulars of Sedgewick's affairs. Murray wants estimate."
- 24.** Letter. William Creighton (Manchester) to Boulton Watt & Co. (Soho). 18 Feb. 1801.
Docketed "Mitchell & Holt not quite ready for engine. Hibbert & Smethurst ditto. Mr. Jolly declines ordering an engine. Marriot & Robinson's drawings to be suspended till further advice. Capstick & Co.'s boiler to be fixed."
- 25.** Letter. William Creighton (Manchester) to Boulton Watt & Co. [Soho]. 21 Feb. 1801.
Docketed "Receipts from Hunt's assignees. Ditto Rigby & Chadwick. Ditto Appleton & Ogden."
- 26.** Letter. William Creighton (Manchester) to Boulton Watt & Co. [Soho]. 28 Feb. 1801.
Docketed "Mitchell & Holt's beam. Estimate for Mr. Read. Daintry & Ryle's schemes. Miserable state of Sedgwick's mill."
- 27.** Letter. William Creighton (Manchester) to Boulton Watt & Co. (Soho). 8 Mar. 1801.
Docketed "Order for John Lees – a 20 horse. Drawings not wanted immediately. Shallcross desires his boiler to be enlarged. Received Mr. Thelfal's balance. W. Wright will be ready with Mitchell & Holt's house on Monday."
- 28.** Letter. William Creighton (Newcastle-under-Lyme) to Boulton Watt & Co. (Soho).
28 Mar. 1801.
Docketed "Great defects in the materials of Walker & Co.'s engine. Mismanagement of ditto. Read declines increasing the power of his engine. Wants the price of new nozzles."
- 29.** Letter. William Creighton (Manchester) to Boulton Watt & Co. (Soho). 12 Apr. 1801.
Docketed "Hibbert & Smethurst. William Brunton. Shallcross' rotative shaft to be of the length proposed. Alterations of Chorlton Twist Co.'s engine not settled."
- 30.** Letter. William Creighton (Manchester) to Boulton Watt & Co. (Soho). 18 Apr. 1801.
On the same sheet:
Table of experiments on Thomas Walker & Co.'s engine at Chester. Apr. 1801.
Docketed "Experiments upon the Chester Lead engine. Plate Glass Co. have increased the size of their engines. Mitchell & Holt's engine is started. Ridgeway's arrived."

- 31.** Letter. William Creighton (Manchester) to Boulton Watt & Co. (Soho). 29 Apr. 1801.
Docketed "Good report of J. Bury. Will go to Caton. Mitchell & Holt's new engine doing well. W. Wright repairing their former one. Marsden & Nield erecting by the Perrins' men. Kennedy's by himself. Considerations upon goods of James Lees."
- 32.** Letter. William Creighton (Manchester) to Boulton Watt & Co. [Soho]. 2 May 1801.
Docketed "Remittance of interest – Barrow Lees. Ditto of balance, Rigby & Chadwick. Varley may go to Caton. Pollard's to be begun upon in a week."
- 33.** Letter. William Creighton (Manchester) to Boulton Watt & Co. (Soho). 4 May 1801.
Docketed "Going to Caton. Hodgson & Co.'s urgent application to Ewart for assistance at their boiler."
- 34.** Letter. William Creighton (Preston) to Boulton Watt & Co. (Soho). 12 May 1801.
Docketed "Has been at Caton and rectified the engine and set the boiler. Sentiments of John White. Leeming has paid the balance due. Expects to get account settled with interest. Will call at Ridgeway's."
- 35.** Letter. William Creighton (Manchester) to Boulton Watt & Co. [Soho]. 16 May 1801.
Docketed "Receipt from Sedgewick's. Statement of defects of Mitchell & Holt's engine. John White's abilities. Horrocks' engine noisy. Ridgeway not near ready for his engine."
- 36.** Letter. William Creighton (Manchester) to Boulton Watt & Co. (Soho). 20 May 1801.
Docketed "Remittances, Appleton & Co., L. Newall and Sedgewick's. Newall satisfied with his engine. Statement of Appleton & Co.'s account. New order from Dixon & Co. Good report of J. Bury. Fire at Swindell's."
- 37.** Letter. William Creighton (Manchester) to Boulton Watt & Co. [Soho]. 24 May 1801.
Docketed "Receipt £66 from Charles Lees & Co. who refuse to pay interest. Simpson & Co. pay £4.15. Dixon & Co. have not decided about size and situation. Knows little of Hesketh & Scofield. J. Bury absent. His engine to be erected in Manchester. Alteration of Chorlton Twist to be done by Varley and Brunton. Brunton nearly done at Hibbert & Smethurst."
- 38.** Letter. William Creighton (Glasgow) to Boulton Watt & Co. (Soho). 30 May 1801.
Docketed "Arrival there. Pearson sent to Catrine. Varley to assist at Monack's. Defects in fitting of Baker's engine. Clarke & Co. are ready for their engine."
- 39.** Letter. William Creighton (Glasgow) to Boulton Watt & Co. (Soho). 11 Jun. 1801.
Docketed "Mr. Lawson recovering apace and intends going to Edinburgh. Mushet enquires about his beam. G. Grieve to go to Cunninghame. Account of pipes at Omoa. Engine house there begun. Is going to Saltcoats and Catrine. Pearson supposed to be capable of that job. J. Varley at Monack's. Corporation of Bakers about to begin."
- 40.** Letter. William Creighton (Glasgow) to Boulton Watt & Co. (Soho). 22 Jun. 1801.
Docketed "Cunninghame waits the arrival of his engine. Orders 3 boxes cement for him. Bad casting sent to Catrine. Devon Iron Works want to consult about a new engine. Monack's to be done in a week."
- 41.** Letter. William Creighton (Manchester) to Boulton Watt & Co. (Soho). 5 Aug. 1801.
Docketed "Return to Manchester. Proposes to visit customers in the neighbourhood. Wants statement of accounts."
- 42.** Letter. William Creighton (Manchester) to Boulton Watt & Co. [Soho]. 30 Aug. 1801.
Docketed "With remittance for Pollard's account. Result of his delivering applications to others."
- 43.** Letter. William Creighton (Manchester) to Boulton Watt & Co. (Soho). 2 Sep. 1801.
Docketed "Remittance on account of Marsden & Nield. Others expected. Chorlton Twist Co. desirous of disposing of their old cylinder."

44. Letter. William Creighton (Manchester) to Boulton Watt & Co. (Soho). 10 Sep. 1801.
Docketed "Remittance from Kennedy and Chorlton Twist Co. Taylor & Weston's engine to be erected by Perrins' men. Doubts about the price and time for completing small engines."

45. Letter. William Creighton (Manchester) to Boulton Watt & Co. (Soho). 12 Sep. 1801.
Docketed "Remittances. Mr. Johnson's pretences for not paying his account. Account of Clegg's progress at Liverpool. Enquiry about Shallcross's connecting rod."

46a. Letter. William Creighton (Manchester) to Boulton Watt & Co. (Soho). 17 Oct. 1801.
Kept with (b) below.
Docketed "Remits balance of Marsden & Nield and Mitchell & Holt's accounts. Deductions claimed by the former. Orders for 3 engines – Messrs. Houldsworth, P. & A. McCandlish and D. Holt."

b. Memorandum about Mitchell & Holt's account.
In James Pearson's hand.

47. Letter. William Creighton (Manchester) to Boulton Watt & Co. (Soho). 21 Oct. 1801.
Docketed "His return delayed. Journey to Halifax useless. Receipt of £74.10 from Gatley. Murray's rotative shaft. Cement for Shallcross. Croft advertised for at Manchester."

48. Note. Abraham Storey (Soho Foundry) to James Watt Jr. [Soho]. 28 Oct. 1801.
Re. the casting of Murray's rotative shafts. [Referring to the shafts mentioned in Creighton's letter of 21 Oct. above.]

49. Letter. William Creighton (Bath) to Boulton Watt & Co. (Soho). 19 Dec. 1801.
Docketed "Expects Williams' engine to be started in a day or two. Difficulties which retarded its completion."

50. Letter. William Creighton (Bath) to Boulton Watt & Co. (Soho). 5 Jan. 1802.
Docketed "Failure in the performance of Messrs. Williams' engine."

51. Letter. William Creighton (Manchester) to Boulton Watt & Co. (Soho). 14 Feb. 1802.
Docketed "Statement of his time at Messrs. Williams'. Murray's perturbations."

52. Memorandum. Engines and Extra Articles ordered at Manchester. 8 Mar. 1802.

53. Letter. William Creighton (Manchester) to Boulton Watt & Co. (Soho). 27 Mar. 1802.
Docketed "Progress made at Wedgwood's. Ditto at Daintry Royle & Co. Ditto Marriotts & Robinson. Shallcross proposes to have a 42 or 45 horse cylinder. Hibbert & Smethurst's crank broken. Smithells' connecting wheel ditto. Fracture of A. & G. Murray's connecting rod. They keep their second boiler. W. Peters orders extra rotative wheels."

54. Letter. William Creighton (Manchester) to Boulton Watt & Co. (Soho). 2 Apr. 1802.
Docketed "The sundry drawings committed to his care have been delivered. Explanations relative to W. Wright's account of time. Delay caused by the accident of of Murray's connecting rod not so essential as we apprehended. Shallcross will consider further the propriety of having a new engine. Messrs. Murray undecided about keeping their second boiler. Mistake about valves supposed not to have been sent with Messrs. Marriott & Robinson's engine. The box containing them No. 7 not received."

55. Letter. William Creighton (Manchester) to Boulton Watt & Co. (Soho). 27 Apr. 1802.
Docketed "Wants estimate of 50 and 60 horse for Mr. Shallcross. Ditto of a 4 horse for Marriott & Robinson. Complaints from Daintry & Royle's."

- 56.** Letter. William Creighton (Manchester) to Boulton Watt & Co. (Soho). 29 May 1802.
Docketed "Intends Pearson to erect Vickers & Tedstill's engine. Wright going to Bolton at the beginning of the week. G. McMurdo to repair Taylor & Weston's engine. Bury's engine set to work without waiting for the pump or top of plug rod. Defects in Marriott & Robinson's piston rod. A hand wanted for Hesketh & Scofield. Shallcross's boiler burnt out. ½ box cement wanted for Marriott Robinson's engine – to go with the taps."
- 57.** Letter. William Creighton (Manchester) to Boulton Watt & Co. (Soho). 4 Aug. 1802.
Docketed "Has been to Hull to see Howard & Houghton's engine which Mr. Lodge has purchased. Someone will be wanted to erect it. Mr. Rawstorne not likely to want an engine. Reflections on perpendicular steam pipes. Wants account of Thomson's time at Mr. Runcorn's engine."
- 58.** Letter. William Creighton (Manchester) to Boulton Watt & Co. (Soho). 9 Aug. 1802.
Docketed "Account of the performance of Daintry & Royle's engine. Remits £54.2 from John Pooley Jr. Pearson at Dixon's."
- 59.** Letter. William Creighton (Manchester) to Boulton Watt & Co. (Soho). 20 Aug. 1802.
*On the same sheet:
Memorandum. Orders for Marriott & Robinson and Ratcliff Ross. 18 Aug. 1802.
Docketed "Remittance and receipt from sundries. Observations on Mr. Shallcross' connecting rod and means of preventing future fractures. Defects in slide valve of Messrs. Vickers & Tedstill's engine. Mr. Whitworth not known. Enquiry of Messrs. Ashton as to the time when their engine will be forwarded. Alleged promise of Mr. J. Watt Jr. to have it before the stipulated time. Order of Messrs. Marriott & Robinson for a second boiler and apparatus."*
- 60.** Letter. William Creighton (Manchester) to Boulton Watt & Co. (Soho). 2 Sep. 1802.
Docketed "Confirms his former report of the valves in Vickers & Co.'s engine. Drawings wanted for Cheetham, McConnel & Co. and Hope. Marriott & Robinson want to know how soon they can have a 6 horse engine."
- 61.** Letter. William Creighton (Manchester) to Boulton Watt & Co. (Soho). 7 Sep. 1802.
Docketed "Boiler for McCandlish finished. Fracture of air pump gudgeon at Murrays' and Daintry & Royle's. Fire at Shallcross's. Fire at Pollards. Murray's forcing pipes. W. Peters wishes to have his grate sent off. Wants sketches for McConnel's pipes to be returned. Samuel Marsland wants our opinion upon fireproof floors. Hope's tenants responsible."
- 62.** Letter. William Creighton (Manchester) to Boulton Watt & Co. (Soho). 23 Sep. 1802.
Docketed "Mistake in John Lees' connecting rod. Articles wanted for Cheetham. Observations on the fitting of air pump valves."
- 63.** Letter. William Creighton (Manchester) to Boulton Watt & Co. (Soho). 17 Oct. 1802.
Docketed "On letters respecting John Pearson forwarded to Mr. Lawson. Thinks Pearson will engage on the terms proposed. W. Wright only partially satisfied with the present made to him."
- 64.** Letter. William Creighton (Glasgow) to Boulton Watt & Co. (Soho). 11 Nov. 1802.
Docketed "Plan of Mr. Houldsworth's engine not definitively settled. Desire to have it well executed throughout. Thomson and Newman arrived. Monteith is in want of his pillar – will get it cast if not sent. Proposes Anderton's engine for the Perth Co. Thinks of going on to Aberdeen. Potter has started the engine at Hornby Castle. Thinks he should be re-engaged."
- 65.** Letter. William Creighton (Glasgow) to Boulton Watt & Co. (Soho). 14 Jan. 1803.
Docketed "Drawings for Aberdeen engines and Messrs. Stirling's received. Plan for the latter will be settled by Mr. Lawson at his return. Refutation of sundry information communciated in Mr. Lawson's last letter. Will consult with him about the means of rectifying Laird's engine. Plan of Houstoun's engine delayed on account of doubt upon the sketch made by Mr. Lawson. Plan of Mr. White's 6 horse engine not yet disgested. Expectation of an order for a 30 horse from Messrs. Stuart & Dunlop. Proposes to arrange the time for his departure for Aberdeen at Mr. Lawson's return."

- 66.** Note. Money received by Creighton from James Lawson for men's time at Tennant Knox & Co. Circa 23 Jan. 1803.
- 67.** Letter. William Creighton (Aberdeen) to Boulton Watt & Co. (Soho). 3 Feb. 1803. *With a postscript added in Edinburgh on 9 Feb. Docketed "Neither of the Aberdeen engines arrived. State of the preparations for their erection. Extinguishing apparatus wanted by Forbes & Co. Will send particulars soon. Impatience of the Perth Co. to get their engine. Nothing done for it by themselves. Mr. Sandeman's objections to the statement of our account. Explanations relative thereto. McGeorge's engine not yet finished. Complains of omissions."*
- 68.** Letter. William Creighton (Glasgow) to Boulton Watt & Co. (Soho). 25 Feb. 1803. *Docketed "Sword Heywood & Co. wish to have boiler and grate. Defects in Dunlop's large spur wheel."*
- 69.** Letter. William Creighton (Glasgow) to Boulton Watt & Co. (Soho). 16 Apr. 1803. *Docketed "Mr. Menzies' order suspended for the present till he has tried an addition making to the reservoir. Mr. White disappointed by the time asked for the completion of his engine. Bury to have it. Mr. Gibbs' determination unknown. Materials of Sword Heywood & Co.'s engine arrived in part. Beam for ditto or Mr. Wilson's engine. Approves of the proposed extension of the shafts across the house but the plan cannot be adopted in Mr. Houstoun's case. Has no knowledge of the alledged inaccuracies in the length of Messrs. Forbes Low & Co.'s materials. Disagreement in the measurement marked in the drawings and the materials themselves. Instance of it in Mr. Dunlop's case. Enquiry of one of Mr. Dunlop's partners to the shortest time in which an engine of 8 etc. horses power can be forwarded."*
- 70.** Letter. William Creighton (Glasgow) to Boulton Watt & Co. [Soho]. 27 Apr. 1803. *The docket is on a separate wrapper. On the same sheet:*
 Letter. Gregory Watt (Glasgow) to Boulton Watt & Co. [Soho]. 29 Apr. 1803. *Docketed "Confirmation of Mr. Gibbs' order. Mr. McGeorge's excuses for procrastinating the payment of our account and Cavils [?]. Remittance on account of Mr. Pollock. The plan etc. of Mr. Gibbs' premises which accompanied this was delivered to Mr. Southern. Mr. G. Watt's information of the failure of the Calder Co. and observations on the bad condition of the engines at Glasgow."*
- 71.** Letter. William Creighton (Glasgow) to Boulton Watt & Co. (Soho). 7 May 1803. *Docketed "The mistakes in Dunlop's engine repeated in that of Heywood & Co.'s. Alteration in the plans of Houldsworth's engine. Boiler preparing for them will not suit their new arrangements. Expects they have countermanded the order for it. Will send the definitive plan for Houldsworth's and Houstoun's engines shortly. Enquiries of Mr. Dunlop and Mr. Edington about prices of engines. Mr. White in want of the drawings of his engine. Offer of services from a young man – opinion of his merits. Difficulty in clearing away the foundations of Sword & Co.'s engine."*
- 72.** Letter. William Creighton (Glasgow) to Boulton Watt & Co. [Soho]. 13 May 1803. *Docketed "McGeorge's account and explanations. Mr. Houldsworth's plans undetermined."*
- 73.** Letter. William Creighton (Glasgow) to Boulton Watt & Co. (Soho). 19 May 1803. *Docketed "Remits £1246.9.6 from Monteith having paid £17.5.6 to get his bills discounted. Messrs. Wilson's engine, after their boiler. Dunlop's engine nearly finished. Henry Vivian's accident."*
- 74.** Letter. William Creighton (Glasgow) to Boulton Watt & Co. (Soho). 30 May 1803. *Docketed "McGeorge has written to him with the same futile complaints as to us. Says the engine worked well when he saw it, and no complaints were made. Henry Vivian to call there on his way to Perth. Thinks he ordered a boiler in a former letter for Messrs. J. & J. Wilson. Wishes it to be proceeded with immediately. Drawings for White and Gibb received. Is preparing the sketch for Messrs. Houldsworth."*

- 75.** Letter. William Creighton (Glasgow) to Boulton Watt & Co. (Soho). 3 Jun. 1803.
Docketed "Order for an 8 horse engine for a partner of Mr. James Dunlop, say for the Springfield Dye Company."
- 76.** Letter. William Creighton (Edinburgh) to Boulton Watt & Co. (Soho). 16 Jun. 1803.
On the same sheet:
Transcript of letter. William Creighton to Mr. McGeorge. 16 Jun. 1803.
Docketed "Remits McGeorge's note for £361.4.1. Account of settlement with him. Has agreed to leave his claim of deductions for articles not furnished to a reference. Defects noticed by Vivian and repaired by him. Dificiency of cold water. State in which Creighton saw the engine working. McGeorge renews his complaints of Henry Vivian."
- 77.** Letter. William Creighton (Glasgow) to Boulton Watt & Co. (Soho). 25 Jun. 1803.
Docketed "Monteith's account and returned bill. McGeorge will make out a statement of his grievances. Some of the prinicpal defects of his engine. White's and Gibb's engines to be according to the drawings. Springfield Dye house order to be considered positive."
- 78.** Letter. William Creighton (Glasgow) to Boulton Watt & Co. (Soho). 5 Jul. 1803.
Docketed "Remittance from Monteith and his refusal to allow for the expenses of the protest. White's death – intention of the executors to countermand the order. Enquiry what considerations will be [?] by us. Springfield Dyework Co. determine upon a 6 horse in preference to the 8 horse ordered. Query if they can have White's turn. Advance to James Brunton, suppose him to be come at our request. R. Montgomery offers his services. Varley gone to Ireland."
- 79.** Letter. William Creighton (Glasgow) to Boulton Watt & Co. [Soho]. 25 Jul. 1803.
Docketed "Vivian succeeded in repairing Forbes & Co.'s engine. Nearly finished with the Perth one. Promise of payment from Sword & Co. Supposes McGeorge will call at Soho. Progress at Stirling's and Wilson's. Thomson and Newman continue to overdraw their accounts. The former married. Character of James Brunton. Springfield dyehouse expect their order to date from June. Despair of completing Houldsworth's plans. Mr. Edington forming a considerable establishment at Glasgow."
- 80.** Letter. William Creighton (Glasgow) to Boulton Watt & Co. (Soho). 13 Aug. 1803.
Docketed "Cannot obtain a remittance or promise of one from Messrs. Swords. Difficulties experienced by Vivian in regard to the eccentric circle. Perth Foundry engine and repetition of the derangement of Messrs. Forbes & Co.'s engine."
- 81.** Letter. William Creighton (Leadhills) to Boulton Watt & Co. (Soho). 5 Oct. 1803.
Docketed "Ransom & Ellerby alledge that the balance claimed by us was given up by Mr. Lawson. Heaton Colliery advance him £15 and promise a bill for the remainder. Are likely to want another engine. Sheriff Hill to pay Dudgeon. Receipts from James Hind & James, W. Chapman & Co. and Leadhills. Hawkes & Co. broke their connecting rod. No check straps to their working gear. Mr. Barker not determined about the new engine. Wanlockhead engine house built. George Taylor's time at Kenton and at Hawkes & Co."
- 82.** Letter. William Creighton (Glasgow) to Boulton Watt & Co. (Soho). 15 Oct. 1803.
Docketed "Receipt of £30 as compensation from White's executors. Wilson's engine at work and performs to satisfaction. The erection of Stirling's begun and will be completed in a month. Mistakes in materials. Springfield situation not settled. Will get the Calder account settled."
- 83.** Letter. William Creighton (Glasgow) to Boulton Watt & Co. (Soho). 24 Oct. 1803.
Docketed "Statement of Mushet's account. Observations on sundry items of it. Information of the fracture of Forbes Low & Co.'s connecting rod. Cunninghame's account unsettled. Receipt from Laird & Co."

- 84.** Letter. William Creighton (Glasgow) to Boulton Watt & Co. (Soho). 11 Nov. 1803.
Docketed "Forbes Low & Co.'s rod has done better since the second mending. Vivian has been over there. He is at liberty to return to Soho. Considerations upon some of the charges to the Calder Iron Co."
- 85.** Letter. William Creighton (Glasgow) to Boulton Watt & Co. (Soho). 1 Dec. 1803.
Docketed "Has received no account of the arrival of Forbes & Co.'s connecting rod. Vivian upon his return home. Advance of £17 to him. Complaints of the construction of Stirling's working gear and suggestions of remedies."
- 86.** Letter. William Creighton (Edinburgh) to Boulton Watt & Co. (Soho). 13 Dec. 1803.
Docketed "Payment of Sir John Hope's account and remittance of £500. Account of Henry Vivian's conduct. Ditto of performance of the engine. McGeorge's promise of payment renewed. A Protest of his note likely to be wanted."
- 87.** Letter. William Creighton (Glasgow) to Boulton Watt & Co. (Soho). 29 Dec. 1803.
Letter continued on 3 Jan. 1804? Docketed "Trial of Stirling's engine. Complaints of deficiencies groundless. Newman to set off for England and call at Manchester. Thompson to erect Houstoun's. Objections to Stirling's working gear."
- 88.** Letter. William Creighton (Glasgow) to Boulton Watt & Co. (Soho). 6 Jan. 1804.
Docketed "Remits bills on London in payment of Swords' note. Thinks he may return home after his journey to Aberdeen. Thompson to erect Mr. Houstoun's engine and some other hand to be sent to Mr. Gibbs."
- 89.** Letter. William Creighton (Glasgow) to Boulton Watt & Co. (Soho). 26 Jan. 1804.
*Letter continued on 5 Feb. On the same sheet:
Memoranda on the construction of steam cases, blowing cisterns, fly wheels etc.
Docketed "Springfield Dyework Co. wish their order to be suspended. Remarks upon Stirling's engine and machinery. Houstoun's materials mostly arrived. General observations upon the defects in the fitting of the engines. Proposed remedies."*
- 90.** Letter. William Creighton (Glasgow) to Boulton Watt & Co. (Soho). 25 Feb. 1804.
Docketed "Remittance of £300 from Stirling & Son and statement of their account. Complaints of deficiencies, bad fitting and alterations. Remarks upon Thompson and Newman's time at Stirling's. Mr. Houstoun's eccentric shaft missing. Jackhead wanted for his cold water pump. Explanation of the length of bills sent from Messrs. Watson. Enquiry as to time for a 4 horse for Messrs. Stirling."
- 91.** Letter. William Creighton (Glasgow) to Boulton Watt & Co. (Soho). 24 Mar. 1804.
Docketed "Wants addition of Vivian's time to Dunlop and Haig's accounts. Supposes a mistake in the list of materials sent for Messrs. Stirling. Progress made in Mr. Houstoun's engine. Wants estimate of a 14 horse. Receipt from Messrs. Wilson."
- 92.** Letter. William Creighton (Glasgow) to Boulton Watt & Co. (Soho). 10 May 1804.
Docketed "Settlement of Stirling's account and remittance of £70. Receipt from James Dunlop & Co. Payment to the Calder Iron Co. Order for a 45 horse engine from H. Houldsworth & Co. Ditto for a 14 horse from W. Hussey & Co. Mr. Gibbs' engine made a good job of and started well. Refers to sketch of improvements on little engines. Wants estimate of an 8 horse. Forbes Low & Co. have put up their connecting rod and find the engine works better than ever. Query as to the necessity of his journey to Aberdeen. Mr. W. Douglas declines ordering the six horse engine and has got a second hand one."

- 93.** Letter. William Creighton (Glasgow) to Boulton Watt & Co. (Soho). 25 Jul. 1804.
Docketed "Visit to Forbes Low & Co. Their engine doing well and has settled their account giving up £10. Brown Chalmers & Co.'s beam a little atwist. Receipt from Sandeman & Co. Halbeath's injection very hot – want estimate of new air pump and rod. Thompson to go to Haig's in a few days. Omoa and Calder working tolerably. Houstoun not quite finished. Gibbs will pay in a few days. Observations on Houldsworth's drawings. Size of cold water pump to be altered. Drawing to be returned. Hussey & Co. will have 5 foot and 2 foot connecting wheels. Present occupation of Thompson. To be sent to Haig's and Geddes, to put in cold water pump at Mr. Houstoun's and then erect Mr. Miller's 6 horse. Enquires about articles ordered for Messrs. Stirling's. Thinks he can leave Glasgow and return home."
- 94.** Letter. William Creighton (Glasgow) to Boulton Watt & Co. (Soho). 10 Aug. 1804.
Docketed "Leadhills want a new cylinder immediately. Remits Gibbs' account. Hussey – some arrangement about the list of materials. Thompson gone to Haig's and is thence to go to Perth. Creighton sets off in 2 days."
- 95.** Letter. William Creighton (Carlisle) to Boulton Watt & Co. (Soho). 21 Aug. 1804.
Docketed "Mr. Philp of Dolls orders a boiler. Bad conditions of Haig's and geddes' engines. Further dimensions of Leadhills' cylinder. Defects in the fitting of Jackson's engine at Carlisle. Desire to have a ball syphon. Bolts etc. for crank plummer blocks."
- 96.** Letter. William Creighton (Manchester) to Boulton Watt & Co. (Soho). 28 Aug. 1804.
Docketed "Estimate of a single engine wanted by Wright of Hornby Castle. Orders for pair of sun and planet wheels for Watson & Co. Proposes to visit Mr. Lodge's engine. Observations on Mr. Houldsworth's engine and defects of the eccentric circle."
- 97.** Letter. William Creighton (Nottingham) to Boulton Watt & Co. (Soho). 19 Apr. 1805.
Docketed "Cox's engine and Henry Vivian. Douglas resolves upon coming to Soho. Particulars of Lord Middleton's present engine at Wollaton and of the new one which he is likely to want. Will return by Derby."
- 98.** Letter. William Creighton (Derby) to Boulton Watt & Co. (Soho). 27 Jun. 1805.
Docketed "Remittance from Gould Williamson & Co."
- 99.** Letter. William Creighton (Manchester) to Boulton Watt & Co. (Soho). 19 Jun. 1815.
Docketed "Liverpool Dock Co. will remit soon. State of their engine. Mr. Molson's goods to sail on Sunday. Another vessel for Quebec 1 Jul. Particulars of estimate of gas apparatus wanted by Birley & Hornby. Death of Mr. Henry. Steam boats on the Mersey. Fulton's specification in the hands of Mr. Dyer. Engines making at Eagle Foundry and Manchester."
- 100.** Memorandum. William Creighton, Soho. 16 Mar. 1829.
Docketed "Plan for increasing the openings of slide valves in the James Watt." Marked "This scheme will not do. W. B. [William Bennett]."