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3/270 James Lawson, 1793-1795 (46 items)

1. Letter. James Lawson (Soho) to Boulton & Watt [London]. 14 Jan. 1793.
2. Letter. James Lawson (Stockport) to Boulton & Watt (Soho). 3 Apr. 1793.
3. Letter. James Lawson (Lancaster) to John Rennie (Stamford St., London). 10 Jul. 1794.
Unclear if this letter was ever sent.
4. Letter. James Lawson (Leeds) to James Watt (Heathfield). 26 Jan. 1795. 2 sheets.
Docketed "Experiments with Mr. Lee's engine."
5. Letter. James Lawson (Salford) to James Watt (Heathfield). 15 Feb. 1795.
Docketed "Experiments upon engines etc."
6. Letter. James Lawson (Manchester) to James Watt Jr. (Soho). 12 Mar. 1795.
Docketed "Illingworth. Dumbell. Clegg. Duck & Potts."
7. Letter. James Lawson (Manchester) to James Watt Jr. (Soho). 16 Mar. 1795.
Docketed "Bury's remittance. Hunt's ditto. Illingworth's engine. Clegg. McMurdo."
8. Letter. James Lawson (Manchester) to James Watt Jr. (Soho). 17 Mar. 1795.
Docketed "Assignees of Illingworth. Holland & Bridge. Shaw. Lane. Simpson & Barton."
9. Letter. James Lawson (Manchester) to James Watt Jr. (Soho). 19 Mar. 1795.
On the same sheet:
Letter. Peter Ewart (Manchester) to James Watt Jr. (Soho). 19 Mar. 1795.
Docketed "Illingworth's assignees. Mort. Greatrix."
10. Letter. James Lawson (Manchester) to James Watt Jr. [Soho]. 20 Mar. 1795.
Docketed "Experiments with Mr. Lee's engines."
11. Letter. James Lawson (Warrington) to James Watt Jr. (Soho). 21 Mar. 1795.
Docketed "Meeting with Dumbell."
12. Letter. James Lawson (Northwich) to James Watt Jr. (Soho). 23 Mar. 1795.
Docketed "Dumbell. Gilbert's engine. Marshall."
13. **Letter.** James Lawson (Liverpool) to James Watt Jr. (Soho). 26 Mar. 1795.
Mis-dated by Lawson as 27 Mar. On the same sheet:
Letter. James Lawson (Liverpool) to John Southern (Soho). 26 Mar. 1795.
Docketed "Draft from Holloway. Kirkman."
14. Letter. James Lawson (Liverpool) to James Watt Jr. (Soho). 27 Mar. 1795.
On the same sheet:
Letter. James Lawson (Liverpool) to John Southern (Soho). 27 Mar. 1795.
Docketed "Remittance from Kirkman."
15. Letter. James Lawson (Manchester) to James Watt Jr. (Soho). 7 Apr. 1795.
Docketed "Plate Glass Co. Dumbell. Clegg. Simpson & Barton."

- 16.** Letter. James Lawson (Manchester) to James Watt Jr. (Soho). 11 Apr. 1795.
Docketed "Simpson & Barton."
- 17.** Letter. James Lawson (Manchester) to James Watt Jr. (Soho). 13 Apr. 1795.
Docketed "Fawkner's caoutchou varnish. Dumbell and Illingworth."
- 18.** Letter. James Lawson (Stockport) to James Watt Jr. (Soho). 17 Apr. 1795.
Docketed "Gilbert's engine. Varley. Illingworth. Holland & Bridge. Tar injections."
- 19.** Letter. James Lawson (Manchester) to James Watt Jr. (Soho). 20 Apr. 1795.
Docketed "Illingworth's assignees agree to pay the premium."
- 20.** Letter. James Lawson (Manchester) to James Watt Jr. (Soho). 29 Apr. 1795.
Docketed "Engines at Leeds. Marshal & Benyons. Illingworth's application. Experiments with steam case at Mr. Lee's engine."
- 21.** Letter. James Lawson (Manchester) to James Watt Jr. (Soho). 7 May 1795.
Docketed "Illingworth's assignees. Lee's engine. Intended journey to Coxhead and to Sir Nigel Gresley."
- 22.** Letter. James Lawson (Salford) to James Watt Jr. [London?]. 31 May 1795.
Docketed "Raikes engine etc."
- 23.** Letter. James Lawson (Manchester) to James Watt Jr. (6 Green Lettice Lane).
4 Jun. 1795.
Re-directed to James Watt Jr. at Soho. Docketed "Meeting with Horridge."
- 24.** Letter. James Lawson (Manchester) to James Watt Jr. (Soho). 7 Jun. 1795.
Docketed "Clegg's remittances. Horridge. Oldknow's boiler finished. Meeting with Barton. Perrins' illness."
- 25.** Letter. James Lawson (Chesterfield) to James Watt Jr. (Soho). 9 Jun. 1795.
Docketed "Marshal's perverseness."
- 26.** Letter. James Lawson (Nottingham) to James Watt Jr. (Soho). 11 Jun. 1795.
- 27.** Letter. James Lawson (London) to James Watt Jr. (Soho). 28 Jun. 1795.
Not dated – date taken from the docket. Docketed "State of London engines. Mr. Tate's. Whitbread's. Spence. Randall & Suter's."
- 28.** Letter. James Lawson (27 York St., Westminster) to James Watt Jr. (Soho). 4 Jul. 1795.
Docketed "Thomas Crowder's allowance."
- 29.** Letter. James Lawson (London) to John Southern. (Soho). 19 Aug. 1795.
On the same sheet:
Sketch of Ramsbottom & Baverstock's horse wheel.
Docketed "Ramsbottom & Baverstock."
- 30.** Letter. James Lawson (27 York St., Westminster) to William Forman (Soho). 2 Sep. 1795.
Docketed "London engines."
- 31.** Letter. James Lawson (London) to James Watt Jr. (Soho). 7 Sep. 1795.
Docketed "London engines."
- 32.** Letter. James Lawson (London) to James Watt Jr. (Soho). 24 Sep. 1795.
Docketed "Roberts & Co. Severn's. Goodwin's. Whitbread's. Tate & Co."

- 33.** Letter. James Lawson (London) to M. R. Boulton (Soho). 26 Sep. 1795.
Docketed "Borough Water Works. Griffiths – No. 92, Blackman St., Southwark."
- 34. Letter.** James Lawson (London) to Boulton & Watt (Soho). 29 Sep. 1795.
Docketed "Borough Water Works."
- 35.** Memorandum. Mr. Lawson's account of the London engines. — Sep. 1795.
- 36.** Letter. James Lawson (London) to James Watt Jr. (Soho). 2 Oct. 1795.
Docketed "Borough Water Works."
- 37.** Letter. James Lawson (London) to James Watt Jr. (Soho). 2 Oct. 1795.
Docketed "Borough Water Works."
- 38.** Letter. James Lawson (London) to James Watt Jr. (Soho). 3 Oct. 1795.
Docketed "Borough Water Works."
- 39.** Letter. James Lawson (London) to Boulton & Watt (Soho). 10 Oct. 1795.
Docketed "Borough Water Works."
- 40.** Letter. James Lawson (London) to James Watt Jr. (Soho). 21 Oct. 1795.
Docketed "London foundries. Defects in Roberts & Co.'s goods. Brasses for Spence. Air pump bucket for Shadwell. Firth and Varley."
- 41.** Letter. James Lawson (London) to James Watt Jr. (Soho). 31 Oct. 1795.
Docketed "Tate's engine set to work. Gosse & Benwell. Borough Water Works."
- 42.** Letter. James Lawson (London) to James Watt Jr. "or Boulton & Watt [Soho].
1 Nov. 1795.
Docketed "Bowen & Sutton."
- 43.** Letter. James Lawson (London) to James Watt Jr. (Soho). 4 Nov. 1795.
Docketed "Goods bought from Gosse & Benwell."
- 44.** Letter. James Lawson (London) to James Watt Jr. [Soho]. 15 Dec. 1795.
Docketed "Visit to Allen Street."
- 45.** Letter. James Lawson [London] to James Watt Jr. (Soho). 22 Dec. 1795.
Docketed "Paper from Richardson & Harrison's."
- 46.** Letter. James Lawson (London) to James Watt Jr. (Soho). 31 Dec. 1795.

3/271 James Lawson, 1796 (52 items)

- 1.** Letter. James Lawson (13 London St.) to M. R. Boulton (Soho). 15 Jan. 1796.
Docketed "Hygrometer. Watch. Injunction."
- 2.** Letter. James Lawson (Leeds) to James Watt Jr. (Shakespeare, Newcastle).
12 Feb. 1796.
- 3.** Letter. James Lawson (Manchester) to James Watt Jr. (Soho). 1 Mar. 1796.
Docketed "Livesey's report of Mr. Thackeray's engine, with drawing of the same." The drawing is on the same sheet.

- 4.** Letter. James Lawson (Manchester) to James Watt Jr. (Soho). 3 Mar. 1796. 2 sheets.
On the second sheet:
Transcript of letter. John Dumbell (Mersey Mills) to Thomas Jones (Manchester).
29 Feb. 1796. *Docketed "Perrins' pervarication about Sturges & Co. Bateman & Sherratt's infringements. John Varley's treachery. Illingworth's engine – abatement wanted and conversation with him. Dumbell's engine working – letter from him. Price's drunkenness. Lee's indisposition."*
- 5.** Letter. James Lawson (Cottage) to James Watt Jr. (Soho). 6 Mar. 1796.
Docketed "Lee's illness. Livesey's report of the Garrat engine man. Will tell the truth if forced to it."
- 6.** Letter. James Lawson (Cottage) to James Watt Jr. (Soho). 8 Mar. 1796.
Docketed "Lee's illness."
- 7.** Letter. James Lawson (Manchester) to James Watt Jr. (Soho). 9 Mar. 1796.
Docketed "Lee's recoccovery. Price's departure for Nantwich."
- 8.** Letter. James Lawson (Cottage) to James Watt Jr. (Soho). 10 Mar. 1796. 2 sheets.
Letter continued on 11 Mar. Docketed "Visit to Daniel Lees and detection of T. Livesey. Remittance of £623.16 in full for Illingworth No. 2."
- 9.** Letter. James Lawson (Manchester) to James Watt Jr. (Soho). 15 Mar. 1796. 2 sheets.
Docketed "Information given by Keyton, Thackeray's engine man. Goodier's engine seen by Lawson. John Varley employed by Bateman. List of pirated engines erected by Bateman & Sherratt. Sketch of Daniel Burton's engine." The sketch is on the same sheet.
- 10.** Letter. James Lawson (Manchester) to Boulton & Watt (Soho). 16 Mar. 1796.
Docketed "Confirmation of bill from Illingworth's assignees. Visit to Thackeray's engine. C. Lees & Co. begin working."
- 11a.** Letter. James Lawson (Manchester) to James Watt Jr. [Soho]. 17 Mar. 1796. 2 sheets.
With a postscript by George Lee. Enclosing (b) below.
Docketed "Conversation with Keyton. Visit to Thackeray's engine. Varley's affidavit. Illingworth's engine. Charles Lees set to work. Bruckshaw & Thornely's order. Character of B. & W. Sandford. Correcetd list of pirated engines."
- b.** Memorandum. Copy of the affidavit of John Varley in the case Boulton & Watt versus Bateman & Sherratt. 16 Mar. 1796.
- 12.** Letter. James Lawson (Preston) to James Watt Jr. (Soho). 18 Mar. 1796.
Docketed "Carlile's pirated engine. Lord Derby's ditto."
- 13.** Letter. James Lawson (Cark) to James Watt Jr. (Soho). 21 Mar. 1796. 3 sheets.
Letter continued at Chorley on 22 Mar.
Docketed "Drunken meeting with Stockdale. Conversation and dinner with ditto. Second inspection of Lord Derby's engine at Preston. Reflections upon what he has seen and can prove."
- 14.** Letter. James Lawson (Manchester) to James Watt Jr. (Soho). 22 Mar. 1796. 2 sheets.
Letter continued at Bury and Middleton on 23 Mar. and on 24 Mar. Docketed "Horrocks' common engines. Horridge's engine. Drury's engined pirated. Search after Daniel Lees and conversation with ditto."
- 15.** Letter. James Lawson (Stockport) to James Watt Jr. (Soho). 25 Mar. 1796.
Letter continued at Manchester on 26 Mar.
Docketed "Pirate engine at Bullock's Smithy, suppose Sir G. Warren's. Boiler for Bury. Further particulars of pirated engines."

- 16.** Letter. James Lawson (Manchester) to James Watt Jr. (Soho). 27 Mar. 1796.
Docketed "Engines at Burnley and Hawarden. Queries about modes of proceeding. Mr. Wainman's order. Mr. Kelly's drawings."
- 17.** Letter. James Lawson (Manchester) to James Watt Jr. [Soho]. 28 Mar. 1796.
Docketed "Owen & Bower promise payment on 16th May. Charles Lees to pay next week. Dumbell's engine going ill. Varley's promise to see Thackeray's engine. Journey to Leeds."
- 18.** Letter. James Lawson (Manchester) to James Watt Jr. (Soho). 29 Mar. 1796.
Docketed "Evidence he will give. Dumbell's mismanagement. Illingworth's engine. Thomas Owen's agreement. P. Drinkwater wants a larger engine."
- 19a.** Letter. James Lawson (Manchester) to James Watt Jr. (Soho). 30 Mar. 1796.
Enclosing (b) below.
Docketed "Keyton's refusal to take an affidavit. Remarks on Thackeray's business. Sketches of the pirated engines."
- b.** Sketch. Pirate engine "same as Lord Derby's, Mr. Watson's, Daniel Burton's, Thackeray's at Garrat, ditto at Cark."
- 20.** Letter. James Lawson (Halifax) to James Watt Jr. (Soho). 31 Mar. 1796.
Docketed "Peel's pirated engine at Burnley."
- 21.** Letter. James Lawson (Leeds) to James Watt Jr. (Soho). 2 Apr. 1796.
Docketed "Mr. Wainman. Cockshutt. Mr. Paley. Holdforth W. & Co."
- 22.** Letter. James Lawson (Canterbury) to James Watt Jr. (Soho). 15 Apr. 1796.
Docketed "About Fenner & Flint."
- 23.** Letter. James Lawson (13 London St.) to James Watt Jr. (Soho). 19 Apr. 1796.
Docketed "Journey to Canterbury. Fenner & Flint. Affidavits. Mainwaring's patent."
- 24.** Letter. James Lawson (13 London St.) to James Watt Jr. (Soho). 21 Apr. 1796.
With a postscript by Matthew Boulton. Docketed "Hornblower's engine at work. James Brown employed by Meux. Gardner & Manse's settlement. Knuckey wants to engage. Thrale's brewery. Peareth's answer."
- 25a.** Letter. James Lawson (13 London St.) to James Watt Jr. (Soho). 26 Apr. 1796.
Enclosing (b) below. Docketed "Brown's affidavit against Hornblower. Knuckey on the lookout."
- b.** Affidavit of James Brown against Hornblower & Maberley.
- 26.** Letter. James Lawson (London) to James Watt Jr. (Soho). 30 Apr. 1796.
Docketed "Meux & Co. Southampton journey."
- 27a.** Letter. James Lawson (London) to James Watt Jr. (Soho). 2 May 1796.
Enclosing (b) below.
Docketed "Moulder's prices. Journey to Southampton."
- b.** Memorandum. The different wages of Moulders at three of the principal foundries in London.
Memorandum by Mr. Lithgow.
- 28.** Letter. James Lawson (Leeds) to James Watt Jr. (Walker Office, Newcastle). 26 Jun. 1796.
Docketed "Nottingham, Hull and Leeds engines."
- 29.** Letter. James Lawson (Leeds) to James Watt Jr. [Soho]. 7 Jul. 1796.
Docketed "Licence for Paley & Co. Batesons' and Nussey's."

- 30.** Letter. James Lawson [Leeds] to John Southern (Soho). Not dated [circa 8 Jul. 1796].
On the same sheet:
Sketches. Holdforth Wilkinson & Paley's engine.
- 31.** Letter. James Lawson (Manchester) to James Watt Jr. (Soho). 18 Jul. 1796.
Docketed "Gowland & Co. and Walkers defer settling. Accident to Gott's engine. R. Owen & Co."
- 32.** Letter. James Lawson (Manchester) to M. R. Boulton (Soho). 22 Jul. 1796.
Docketed "T. Owen promises to pay. A. Lane. Dunkerley's agreement with Bateman & Sherratt. Jones with Dumbell."
- 33.** Letter. James Lawson (Leeds) to Boulton & Watt Jrs. (Soho). 28 Jul. 1796.
Docketed "Remittances from Leeds and Manchester. Gott's mill."
- 34.** Letter. James Lawson (Manchester) to Boulton & Watt Jrs. (Soho). 3 Aug. 1796.
Docketed "Manchester remittances. Bateman & Sherratt's new impositions. Dumbell continues to work."
- 35.** Letter. James Lawson (Manchester) to Boulton & Watt Jrs. (Soho). 10 Aug. 1796.
Docketed "Call upon Mr. Watson and Mr. Horrocks of Preston. Kirkman, Holloway and Taylor at Liverpool. Owen Scarth & Co. Mr. Wright. Dumbell."
- 36.** Letter. James Lawson (Manchester) to Boulton & Watt Jrs. (Soho). 16 Aug. 1796.
Docketed "Owen & Lane's prevarication. Owen Scarth & Co. Carlile of Bolton wants new engine."
- 37.** Letter. James Lawson (York) to James Watt Jr. (Soho). 19 Aug. 1796.
Docketed "Diverse transactions at Leeds. Batesons of Worseley."
- 38.** Letter. James Lawson (Scarborough) to James Watt Jr. (Soho). 22 Aug. 1796.
Docketed "Transactions there."
- 39.** Letter. James Lawson (Newcastle) to James Watt Jr. (Soho). 30 Aug. 1796.
Docketed "Grimshaws at Sunderland. Newcastle engines. McMurdo. Barnes' engines. Sheriff Hill."
- 40.** Letter. James Lawson (Dumfries) to John Southern (Soho). 4 Oct. 1796.
Docketed "About his setting off for Newcastle."
- 41.** Letter. James Lawson (Newcastle) to James Watt Jr. (Soho). 14 Oct. 1796.
Docketed "Sheriff Hill engine, Wall's End ditto, Willington ditto, Biggs Main ditto, Heaton ditto. Mr. Johnson's agreements. Hebburn Colliery winding engine. Peareth liekly to want his engine soon."
- 42.** Letter. James Lawson (Newcastle) to James Watt Jr. (Soho). 23 Oct. 1796.
Docketed "Visit to Shieldrow Colliery. Ditto to Newbottle Colliery. Ditto to Raynter Colliery. Ditto to Cowper Colliery. Ditto to Salvin's at Durham. Mr. Barnes' illness."
- 43.** Letter. James Lawson (Newcastle) to James Watt Jr. (Soho). 25 Oct. 1796.
Docketed "Visit to Mr. Goodchild. Account of Grimshaw's engine. Remarks on floats in boiler and on George Taylor. Mr. Johnson promises to send agreements executed. Pontop Pike engine wanted. Remittance for Walker on Saturday."
- 44.** Letter. James Lawson (Hull) to James Watt Jr. (Soho). 28 Oct. 1796.
Docketed "State of Messrs. Salvin's engine house at Durham. Accident at Horner's engine at Durham. Gavin McMurdo to send drawing of Goodchild's engine. Brooke & Pease's engine doing well. J. R. Pease's engine house finished."

- 45.** Letter. James Lawson (Leeds) to James Watt Jr. (Soho). 3 Nov. 1796.
Docketed "Performance of Mr. Brooke's engine at Hull. State of Mr. J. R. Pease's ditto at Hull."
- 46.** Letter. James Lawson (Leeds) to James Watt Jr. (Soho). 4 Nov. 1796.
Docketed "Licence returned sealed and signed by Sturges & Co. Holdforth wants engine. State of Beverley Cross & Co.'s engine."
- 47.** Letter. James Lawson (Leeds) to James Watt Jr. (Soho). 14 Nov. 1796.
Docketed "Mr. Smalley's evidence."
- 48.** Letter. James Lawson (Manchester) to James Watt Jr. (Soho). 21 Nov. 1796.
On the same sheet:
Letter. George Lee (Manchester) to James Watt Jr. (Soho). 21 Nov. 1796.
Docketed "About time of trial with Maberley etc."
- 49.** Letter. James Lawson (Leeds) to James Watt Jr. (13 London St.). 24 Nov. 1796.
Docketed "About Mr. Smalley's evidence."
- 50.** Letter. James Lawson (Leeds) to James Watt Jr. (13 London St.). 25 Nov. 1796.
Docketed "Principally respecting Smalley."
- 51.** Letter. James Lawson (Leeds) to James Watt Jr. (13 London St.). 28 Nov. 1796.
Docketed "Smalley says it would be extremely inconvenient for him to leave home at present."
- 52.** Letter. James Lawson (Leeds) to James Watt Jr. (13 London St.). 29 Nov. 1796.
Docketed "Smalley agrees to come."

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(50 items)

- 1.** Letter. James Lawson (Bristol) to Boulton & Watt (Soho). 7 Jan. 1797.
Docketed "State of Castle & Co.'s engine. Bayley & Co.'s piston."
- 2.** Letter. James Lawson (Leeds) to Boulton & Watt (Soho). 20 Feb. 1797.
With a postscript addressed to John Southern. Docketed "Sturges' remittance. Arrangements of engine erectors. Proposed excursion to Manchester."
- 3.** Letter. James Lawson (Halifax) to Boulton & Watt Jrs. (Soho). 24 Feb. 1797.
Docketed "Sturges & Co.'s law costs. Benjamin Firth."
- 4.** Letter. James Lawson (Northwich) to James Watt Jr. (Soho). 28 Feb. 1797.
Docketed "Messrs. Sandford want invoice of sun and planet wheels. Mr. Marshall. Perrins. Proposes to send Hughes to Lancaster. Proposes going to Hull. Mr. Smalley on boring."
- 5.** Letter. James Lawson (Leeds) to Boulton & Watt (Soho). 4 Mar. 1797. 2 sheets.
On the second sheet:
Transcripts of letter & estimate. James Bateman, Bateman & Sherratt (Manchester) to James Lees (Manchester). 30 Aug. 1796.
Docketed "Complaints of Perrins' extortions. Copy of letter from Bateman to James Lees. Livesey's penitence. Nevins & Gatliff, Nussey & Co. Proposes going to Hull tomorrow."
- 6.** Letter. James Lawson (Leeds) to Boulton & Watt (Soho). 5 Mar. 1797.
Docketed "Unfavourable effect of affairs at Leeds."
- 7.** Letter. James Lawson (Hull) to Boulton & Watt (Soho). 8 Mar. 1797.
Docketed "Arrival at Hull. Firth's indolence. Mr. Brooke. Mr. Coates. Thompson & Baxter. Mr. Lee at paper mill."

- 8.** Letter. James Lawson (Leeds) to M. R. Boulton (Soho). 11 Mar. 1797.
Docketed "D. Lees' application to be noted. Wheatley, engine erector, at liberty and competent to undertake Watson's or the Lancaster engine. Firth's dibil [?] render him an improper to be sent out. Sturges want account of expenses."
- 9.** Letter. James Lawson (Leeds) to M. R. Boulton (Soho). 13 Mar. 1797.
Docketed "Can part with no-one till Wheatley has finished his job. Has ordered Firth to be with him on Saturday. Letter to Mr. Pease. Nussey and Holroyd's pipes wanted."
- 10.** Letter. James Lawson (Leeds) to M. R. Boulton (Soho). 19 Mar. 1797.
Docketed "Firth not yet left Hull. Thinks Wheatley should go to Lancaster instead of Hughes. Nussey's steam pipes to be sent by waggon and also Messrs. Batesons'. Mr. Hurst's application to obtain leave to add a condenser and air pump to his engine."
- 11.** Letter. James Lawson (Leeds) to M. R. Boulton (Soho). 24 Mar. 1797.
Docketed "Mr. Pease refuses to part with Firth. Nevins' engine set to work. Intends going to Preston with M. Wheatley. Payment of Sturges & Co.'s law costs £106.16.9. Mr. Paley's engine set to work."
- 12.** Letter. James Lawson (Preston) to Boulton & Watt (Soho). 4 Apr. 1797.
Docketed "Hughes' progress at Hodson & Co.'s engine. Arrangements with Watson & Co. Wheatley not arrived. Premium of Derby's engine."
- 13.** Letter. James Lawson (Manchester) to M. R. Boulton (Soho). 5 Apr. 1797.
Docketed "Repetition of his preceeding letter."
- 14.** Letter. James Lawson (Leeds) to M. R. Boulton (Soho). 11 Apr. 1797.
Docketed "Wheatley gone to Preston. Nevins' engine. Mr. Gott gone to London."
- 15.** Letter. James Lawson (Leeds) to James Watt Jr. (Soho). 13 Apr. 1797.
Docketed "Order for Mr. William Martin of Weetwood near Leeds."
- 16.** Letter. James Lawson (Preston) to James Watt Jr. (Soho). 19 Apr. 1797.
Docketed "Good character of Punchon and Wheatley. Nussey's steam pipes. State of Hodgson's engine."
- 17.** Letter. James Lawson (Leeds) to James Watt Jr. (Soho). 25 Apr. 1797.
Docketed "Nussey's finished. Batesons' nearly so. Horridge's engine at work. Nicholson & Upton's account. Wishes to go to Scotland."
- 18.** Letter. James Lawson (Preston) to James Watt Jr. (Soho). 8 May 1797. 2 sheets.
Docketed "Bad performance of Watson & Myers' engine. Rudge to come home. Punchon not finished at Nussey's. Brunton to erect Holdforth & Co.'s. Foster's shuffling. Nevins' distress. Blagborough & Holroyd to remit. Paley to be written to."
- 19.** Letter. James Lawson (Manchester) to James Watt Jr. (Soho). 11 May 1797.
Docketed "Bad performance of Watson & Co.'s engine. Account of Wheatley, Punchon and Rudge's time."
- 20.** Letter. James Lawson (Manchester) to James Watt Jr. (Soho). 13 May 1797.
Docketed "Character of Horrocks of Stockport. State of engines there. Order for Dumbell. McConnel & Kennedy's order. Mr. Bennet's order."
- 21.** Letter. James Lawson (Leeds) to M. R. Boulton (Soho). 16 May 1797.
Docketed "Brunton sent to Holdforth Wilkinson & Paley's. Martin intends sending order for a larger engine. Holroyd's likely to want another engine. Foster's payment £115.10/-. Punchon and Brunton's time. Sets off for Scotland."

- 22.** Letter. James Lawson (Dumfries) to James Watt Jr. (Soho). 22 May 1797.
Docketed "Has written to Hanson & Co. Barnes' engines doing well. Bad state of Wall's End. Circulation of Bramah's pamphlet."
- 23.** Letter. James Lawson (Glasgow) to James Watt Jr. (Soho). 13 Jun. 1797.
- 24.** Letter. James Lawson (Newcastle) to James Watt Jr. (Soho). 28 Jun. 1797.
Docketed "Interview with Johnson and promise from him of settlement of Wellington Colliery. Recommends recurring to the old method of striking the curf. State of the engines at Newcastle."
- 25.** Letter. James Lawson (Newcastle) to Boulton & Watt (Soho). 5 Jul. 1797.
Docketed "Remittance from Pontop Pike. Johnson's evasions. Visit to Newcastle engines. Wade's order."
- 26.** Letter. James Lawson (Ripon) to James Watt Jr. (Soho). 8 Jul. 1797.
Docketed "Arrangements of engine men. George Taylor's perverseness. Mr. Wade's order. Suggestions of changes in pit gearing."
- 27.** Letter. James Lawson (Leeds) to M. R. Boulton (Soho). 21 Jul. 1797.
Docketed "Disappointed in not meeting with Southern. Visit to Hodgson at Caton. Condition of their engine. Watson's engine at Preston. Wishes it had been entirely new."
- 28.** Letter. James Lawson (Leeds) to Boulton & Watt (Soho). 25 Jul. 1797.
Docketed "Remittance from Blagborough & Holroyd. Hurst and Murray's preparations against the expiration of the patent."
- 29.** Letter. James Lawson (Leeds) to Boulton & Watt (Soho). 3 Aug. 1797.
Docketed as 2 Aug: "Sundry remittances. Wilkinson Holdforth & Co.'s engine. Hurst's new erected engine."
- 30.** Letter. James Lawson (Leeds) to M. R. Boulton (Soho). 10 Aug. 1797.
Docketed "Holdforth & Co. want a still larger engine."
- 31.** Letter. James Lawson (Manchester) to Boulton & Watt (Soho). 23 Aug. 1797.
Docketed "Holt & Co. Going to Stockport. Pence."
- 32.** Letter. James Lawson (Manchester) to M. R. Boulton (Soho). 27 Aug. 1797.
Letter continued at Stockport.
Docketed "Remittance £35 from Holt & Co. Hunt's engine set to work. Dumbell's ditto working. Illingworth No. 2 ditto. Horrocks' finished. C. Lees & Co. want a larger cylinder. Oldknow's and Bury's engines as usual."
- 33.** Letter. James Lawson (Salford) to James Watt Jr. (Soho). 30 Aug. 1797.
Docketed "Horrocks' engine. Dumbell's engine is going to destruction. Illingworth No. 2 doing very well. General cleanliness of the Stockport."
- 34.** Letter. James Lawson (Papplewick) to James Watt Jr. (Soho). 6 Sep. 1797.
Docketed "Robinson's engine. Journey to Newcastle."
- 35.** Letter. James Lawson (Liverpool) to M. R. Boulton (Soho). 7 Oct. 1797.
Docketed "Arrival at Liverpool and Manchester. Remittance promised by Benyons & Bage. They retain the drawings. Condition of J. Taylor's engine. Bad ditto of Union Mill."
- 36.** Letter. James Lawson (Manchester) to M. R. Boulton (Soho). 18 Oct. 1797.
Docketed "Remittance on account of Bury. Holland & Bridge. C. Lees & Co.'s alteration of engine."
- 37.** Letter. James Lawson (Manchester) to M. R. Boulton (Soho). 19 Oct. 1797.
Docketed "Mr. Pooley's alteration from a 20 to a 24 horse engine. Mr. Bound's engine."

38. Letter. James Lawson (Manchester) to M. R. Boulton (Soho). 27 Oct. 1797.
Docketed "Deane's determination to have a 10 horse engine. Mr. Pooley's alteration from a 20 to 24 horse. Slow progress at Mr. Taylor's engine at Rochdale."

39. Letter. James Lawson (Manchester) to M. R. Boulton (Soho). 3 Nov. 1797.
Docketed "Pooley determines 24 horses, approves agreement. Marshall (Northwich) promises payment. Has been to Ravenhead where they want a larger power. Watson promises payment. Horridge to give Lawson an account of the time the engine has worked. Also promises payment."

40. Letter. James Lawson (Manchester) to M. R. Boulton (Soho). 8 Nov. 1797.
Docketed "Sundry bills. Casting for millwork of Pooley's and Hope's mills."

41. Letter. James Lawson (Manchester) to M. R. Boulton (Soho). 14 Nov. 1797.
Docketed "Remittances value £124.19 and receipts upon sundry accounts. Clegg's account. C. Lees & Co.'s broken planet wheel."

42. Letter. James Lawson (Manchester) to M. R. Boulton (Soho). 15 Nov. 1797.
Docketed "Prices of shafts. Millwork for Mr. Hope and Mr. Pooley."

43. Letter. James Lawson (Leeds) to M. R. Boulton (Soho). 21 Nov. 1797.
Docketed "Slovenly execution of Taylor & Son's engine, Rochdale. Proceedings and plans of Murray, Leeds."

44. Letter. James Lawson (Leeds) to M. R. Boulton (Soho). 22 Nov. 1797.
Docketed "Prices of engines made by Murray."

45. Letter. James Lawson (Leeds) to M. R. Boulton (Soho). 27 Nov. 1797.
Docketed "Murray's encroachments. Impenetrable designs. Preparations of workshops etc."

46. Letter. James Lawson (Leeds) to M. R. Boulton (Soho). 5 Dec. 1797.
Docketed "Account of engines erected at Hull by Murray. B. Firth engaged by Messrs. Brooke & Co."

47. Letter. James Lawson (Horbury) to M. R. Boulton (Soho). 7 Dec. 1797.
Docketed "Fischer's engine. Murray's enquiry and offer of £200 for licence of Fischer's engine."

48. Letter. James Lawson (Leeds) to M. R. Boulton (Soho). 11 Dec. 1797.
Docketed "Interview with Mr. Fischer. Description of his engine."

49. Letter. James Lawson (Leeds) to M. R. Boulton (Soho). 13 Dec. 1797.
Docketed "Remittance value £102.4. Information of Murray's proceedings."

50. Letter. James Lawson (Manchester) to M. R. Boulton (Soho). 20 Dec. 1797.
Docketed "William & Lawrence Newall near Littleborough likely to want an engine. Marsland's order for a 30 horse."

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1. Letter. James Lawson (Newcastle) to Boulton & Watt (Soho). 2 Jan. 1798.
Docketed "Arrival at Newcastle. Inspection of Parker's engine at Apedale. Doubtful whether to deliver the letter to Messrs. Parker."

2. Letter. James Lawson (Bristol) to James Watt Jr. (Soho). 22 Jan. 1798.
Docketed "Price of mahogany. Mr. Lewis' engine."

3. Letter. James Lawson (Merthyr) to Boulton & Watt (Soho). 29 Jan. 1798.
Docketed "Prospect of orders from Mr. Taitt and Mr. Homfray."

4. Letter. James Lawson (Merthyr) to Boulton & Watt (Soho). 31 Jan. 1798.
Docketed "Order from Messrs. Homfray for double 40 inch engine, 8 feet stroke."
5. Letter. James Lawson (Truro) to James Watt Jr. (Soho). 18 Feb. 1798.
Docketed "Notice of his arrival. Visit to Pednandrea. Ditto to Wheal Treasury. Ditto to United Mines. Object of his coming known in Cornwall."
6. Letter. James Lawson (Exeter) to James Watt Jr. (Soho). 20 Feb. 1798.
Docketed "Call at Plymouth and conversation with Murdock about Pednandrea. State of mines. Coins left for Mr. Tremayne."
7. Letter. James Lawson (13 London St.) to James Watt Jr. (Soho). 22 Feb. 1798.
*With a note added by Ambrose Weston.
Docketed "Arrival from Cornwall. Testimony concerning United Mines and Pednandrea. Intended departure for Norwich."*
8. Letter. James Lawson (Norwich) to James Watt Jr. (Soho). 24 Feb. 1798.
Docketed "Particulars of his inspection of pirated engines in Cornwall. State of Bramah's Norwich engine. Interview with Mr. Mylne and Bramah."
9. Letter. James Lawson (London) to James Watt Jr. (Soho). 27 Feb. 1798.
Docketed "Proposed alteration in injunction for United Mines. Bramah's dilemma. Slater & Amhurst employ David Watson."
10. Letter. James Lawson (London) to James Watt Jr. (Soho). 1 Mar. 1798.
Docketed "Mr. Weston advises his return. State of Borough Water Works engine and application to Mr. Barclay."
11. Letter. James Lawson (London) to James Watt Jr. (Soho). 6 Mar. 1798.
Docketed "Weston's indecision. Repairs of Borough Water Works. Conversation with Mr. Slater concerning David Watson's engine. Maberley's sale. Meux's mishaps."
12. Letter. James Lawson (London) to M. R. Boulton (Soho). 9 Mar. 1798.
Docketed "Meeting with Mr. Homfray. Beam ordered for Pooley."
13. Letter. James Lawson (London) to James Watt Jr. (Soho). 13 Mar. 1798.
Docketed "Enclosing Mr. Homfray's agreement. Intended meeting with Mr. Taitt."
14. Letter. James Lawson (London) to James Watt Jr. (Soho). 15 Mar. 1798.
Docketed "Mr. Taitt's determination to have an engine. Messrs. F. Calvert wish to alter theirs. Stroud's piracy. Slater's caution about his engine. Bramah's copying machine."
15. Letter. James Lawson (London) to James Watt Jr. (Soho). 17 Mar. 1798.
Docketed "Taitt's resolution to have engine same as Homfray's. Hateley to be dismissed from Borough Water Works."
16. Letter. James Lawson (London) to James Watt Jr. (Soho). 20 Mar. 1798.
Docketed "Homfray's agreement. Taitt – wooden beam. Dayus proposes his father for engine man at the Borough Water Works. Charrington's engine repaired."
17. Letter. James Lawson (London) to James Watt Jr. (Soho). 22 Mar. 1798.
Docketed "Bedford's omission of witnessing Mr. Boulton's affidavit. Bad account of Slater's engine. Cannot see Saddler's engine."
18. Letter. James Lawson (London) to Boulton & Watt Jrs. (Soho). 27 Apr. 1798.
Docketed "Weston has made out affidavit for him in United Mines. Mr. Spence of Duffield."

- 19.** Letter. James Lawson (Manchester) to James Watt Jr. (Walker's Office, Newcastle). 27 Apr. 1798.
Docketed "State of the engine at Caton. Mr. Watson demurs about paying premium."
- 20.** Letter. James Lawson (Manchester) to M. R. Boulton (Soho). 20 Jun. 1798.
Docketed "Conversation with Watson. Shakespear disengaged and query if to go to London."
- 21.** Letter. James Lawson (Manchester) to M. R. Boulton (Soho). 23 Jun. 1798.
Docketed "Explanation of his agreement with Francis Maxwell. Remittance value £183.2 from McConnel & Kennedy. Ditto promised from Stockport. Orders in expectation."
- 22.** Letter. James Lawson (Liverpool) to Boulton & Watt (Soho). 26 Jun. 1798.
Docketed "Holt's engine nearly finished. Holloway's to be repaired. Kirkman's increasing difficulties. Piracy of a Mr. Wolfe detected."
- 23.** Letter. James Lawson (Manchester) to M. R. Boulton (Soho). 30 Jun. 1798.
Docketed "Piracy of Wolfe. Manoeuvres of Mr. Gardener. Ignorant of agreements of Lees & Co., Thomas, Taylor & Weston and Bounds. Shakespear's work at Dean's. Mr. Sutton's application for a flour mill. Outram's application to get 70 inch atmospheric changed into Boulton & Watt's."
- 24.** Letter. James Lawson (Manchester) to James Watt Jr. (Walker Office, Newcastle). 1 Jul. 1798.
Docketed "Blunders of the Post Office. Matthews Holt & Co.'s engine. Wolfe's piracy. Gatley undecided. Bailey not determined as to the size of his engine. Proposes going to Rochdale and Oldham. Engine on Huddersfield Canal."
- 25.** Letter. James Lawson (Manchester) to M. R. Boulton (Soho). 5 Jul. 1798.
On the same sheet:
Sketches. Engine on the Huddersfield Canal, at Redbrook, near Marsden.
Docketed "Engine on Huddersfield Canal. Bills enclosed. Order of engine by Adam & George Murray. Mr. Southern's deeds, drawings received."
- 26.** Letter. James Lawson (Manchester) to M. R. Boulton (Soho). 7 Jul. 1798.
Docketed "Did not know of Outram's engineering. Clegg's opinion on the Huddersfield Canal engine. Mr. Gatley's order for engine. Agreements expected to be executed. Dunkerley's expected order. Miscarriage of his letters."
- 27.** Letter. James Lawson (Manchester) to M. R. Boulton (Soho). 10 Jul. 1798.
Docketed "Called on Mr. Bury. Murray and Gatley's agreements may be forwarded. Waited on Mr. Hope. Did not see Mr. Atherton. Rudge always needed. Not seen Mr. Haywood. Taylor & Weston's agreement. Going to Mr. Ridgway's."
- 28.** Letter. James Lawson (Mr. Ridgway's, nr. Bolton) to M. R. Boulton [Soho]. 11 Jul. 1798.
Docketed "Gardener's work behind. Perrins come – engine may be finished in a week. Mr. Ridgway wishes for a discount for ready money."
- 29.** Letter. James Lawson (Leeds) to M. R. Boulton (Soho). 17 Jul. 1798.
Docketed "State of things at Ridgway's. Remittance from Taylor & Sons. Expected order from them. Remittance from Garland & Co. McMurdo's progress at Wilkinson & Holdforth's."
- 30.** Letter. James Lawson (Leeds) to M. R. Boulton (Soho). 20 Jul. 1798.
Docketed "Encloses £100 from Jos. Foster. Wilkinson & Holdforth's engine to be set to work. Sent per coach Ridgway's deeds and Riddell's engravings."
- 31.** Letter. James Lawson (Leeds) to Boulton & Watt (Soho). 23 Jul. 1798.
Docketed "Rate at which different mills pay the Poor Rates. Holdforth's engine at work. Drawings for Murray and Gatley wanted. Pomatum for Markland & Cookson."

- 32.** Letter. James Lawson (Leeds) to Boulton & Watt (Soho). 26 Jul. 1798.
Docketed "Poor Rates. Present to Livesey. Murray's transactions. Enquires about Mr. Lee. Order for J. Watt & Co."
- 33.** Letter. James Lawson (Leeds) to Boulton & Watt [Soho]. 2 Aug. 1798.
The docket is on a separate wrapper.
Docketed "More particulars about Poor Rates. McMurdo's avocations. Brunton's ditto. Nevins & Gatliff's want of remittances."
- 34.** Letter. James Lawson (Huddersfield) to Boulton & Watt (Soho). 8 Aug. 1798.
Docketed "Mr. Mitchel of Baildon intends to have an engine. Remittance from Nevins & Gatliff. Disappointed by Foster of Horbury. Bad order of that gent's engine. Enquires after a Mr. Willshaw."
- 35.** Letter. James Lawson (Manchester) to Boulton & Watt (Soho). 11 Aug. 1798.
Docketed "Application of John Lees to be informed of the price of an engine for pumping. Encloses remittance from Barrow & Lees and Clegg. Brunton nearly finished at Marsland's. State of Murrays'. Their wishes respecting their boiler. Expects to see Mr. Haywood about Mr. Dean's engine."
- 36.** Letter. James Lawson (Manchester) to Boulton & Watt (Soho). 12 Aug. 1798.
On the same sheet:
Letter. George Lee (Manchester) to M. R. Boulton (Soho). 12 Aug. 1798.
Docketed "Surprise at Homfray's demur. Expects amicable settlement. Causes of bad state of engines at Leeds. Recommends cast iron connecting rods. State of accounts. Letter from James Watt Jr. Lee's speculations."
- 37.** Letter. James Lawson (Manchester) to Boulton & Watt (Soho). 16 Aug. 1798.
Docketed "Remittances of £1000 from Mr. Marsland. Chorlton Twist Co. want invoice of air pump bucket. McConnel & Kennedy's boiler. Assignees of Hunt order boiler. Arrears on Hunt's engine."
- 38.** Letter. James Lawson (Manchester) to Boulton & Watt (Soho). 19 Aug. 1798.
Docketed "Remittances from Duck and Pooley. Expected settlement with Horrocks and Dean. J. Lees of Oldham impatient for an answer."
- 39.** Letter. James Lawson (Bolton) to James Watt Jr. (Soho). 23 Aug. 1798.
Docketed "William Brunton sets off for Scotland. Lawson's intention of coming to Soho. Ridgway's engine to be set to work. Perrins at Green's of Rotherham. Remittance of £302 from Haywood on account of Dean. Order for an 8 horse for James Marshall."
- 40.** Letter. James Lawson (Liverpool) to James Watt Jr. (Soho). 26 Aug. 1798.
Docketed "Interview with Atherton concerning his engine. Ditto with Kirkman who refuses payment. Caution respecting Matthew Holt & Co. - £30 to their credit. Receipt and remittance of £20 from Ridgway."
- 41.** Letter. James Lawson (Manchester) to James Watt Jr. [Soho]. 26 Oct. 1798.
The docket is on a separate wrapper.
Docketed "Outram again applies for leave to apply air pump to the Huddersfield engine. Particulars of iron works in Wales visited by Lawson. Horridge determines on a new engine. Waddell supposed to have settled for the engine late John Lees."
- 42.** Letter. James Lawson (Preston) to James Watt Jr. (Soho). 29 Oct. 1798.
Docketed "Horridge likely to want a 10 horse engine. State of Ridgway's engine. Perrins' charge against him. Perrins' licence taken away."
- 43.** Letter. James Lawson (Workington) to James Watt Jr. (Soho). 3 Nov. 1798.
Docketed "Reception from Mr. Curwen. Mr. Udale & Co. State of the engines. Simpson Penrice."

- 44a.** Letter. James Lawson (Workington) to James Watt Jr. (13 London St.). 8 Nov. 1798.
2 sheets.
Letter continued on 10 Nov. Kept with (b) and (c) below. Docketed "Meeting with Mr. Curwen. Demeanour of Mr. Curwen and his agents. Proposed alterations."
- b.** Memorandum. Engines – Workington. 5 & 8 Nov. 1798.
In James Lawson's hand.
- c.** Memorandum (press copy). Engine at Workington and J. C. Curwen's engines at Hope Pit, Elizabeth Pit, Lady Pit. 8 & 10 Nov. 1798. 5 sheets.
In John Southern's hand?
- 45.** Letter. James Lawson (Workington) to John Southern (Soho). 13 Nov. 1798.
Docketed "Causes of the bad state of Mr. Curwen's engines. Schemes for their amendment."
- 46.** Letter. James Lawson (Workington) to James Watt Jr. (13 London St.). 16 Nov. 1798.
Docketed "Progress and proposed alterations at Workington."
- 47.** Letter. James Lawson (Carlisle) to M. R. Boulton (Soho). 21 Nov. 1798.
Docketed "State of affairs at Workington. Meeting with Brunton. Projected journey to Scotland."
- 48.** Letter. James Lawson (Carlisle) to James Watt Jr. (13 London St.). 21 Nov. 1798.
Docketed "Meeting with Brunton. State of matters at Workington. Journey to Newcastle and Glasgow."
- 49.** Letter. James Lawson (Newcastle) to M. R. Boulton (Soho). 27 Nov. 1798.
Docketed "State of affairs at Workington. Campbell & Gibson. Hall & Surtees. Walker & Fishwick. Journey to Edinburgh. Wants accounts of Stein."
- 50.** Letter. James Lawson (Newcastle) to James Watt Jr. (13 London St.). 29 Nov. 1798.
Docketed "State of Fishwick & Co. Ditto of Hebburn double 63 inch engine. Alterations in the winding engines. Agreement for keeping them in repair. Intended journey to Edinburgh and Glasgow."
- 51.** Letter. James Lawson (Edinburgh) to M. R. Boulton (Soho). 4 Dec. 1798.
Docketed "Wade's influence at Hebburn upon the decline. Opinion of Hebburn double engine – alteration in working recommended."
- 52.** Letter. James Lawson (Glasgow) to Boulton & Watt (Soho). 24 Dec. 1798.
Docketed "Sentiments of Mr. Baird's character and intentions. Particulars of Cook & Co.'s engine which they wish altered."
- 53.** Letter. James Lawson (Glasgow) to M. R. Boulton (Soho). 26 Dec. 1798.
Docketed "Objections to the crank in the case of Mr. Gillies. Interview with Mr. Baird – opinion of him. His and other infringements about Glasgow. Messrs Cook & Co. wish their engine altered."