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MS 3147/3/293-295

3/293 John Rennie, 1784-1786 (69 items)

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During this period Rennie worked for Boulton & Watt as a millwright in London, but the arrangements between them were very informal, as Rennie was technically in business on his own. He also acted as their London agent, advising customers about engines and passing on enquiries to Boulton & Watt.

The letters are all addressed to James Watt, except for one of 1784 to Boulton & Watt. Up until 1798, there are two series of Rennie's letters; one to James Watt, and the other of letters that were answered by John Southern.

1784.

1. Letter. John Rennie (London) to Boulton & Watt (Birmingham). 4 Dec. 1784.
2. Letter. John Rennie (London) to James Watt (Birmingham). 24 Dec. 1784.

1785.

3. Letter. John Rennie (London) to James Watt (Birmingham). 11 Jan. 1785.
Docketed "Mr. Allingham." The second part of the docket is in shorthand.
- 4a. Letter. John Rennie (London) to James Watt (Birmingham). 18 Jan. 1785.
Enclosing (b) below.
Docketed "About Mr. Goodwin's engine."
- b. Drawing. Plan & elevation of Messrs. Goodwin's dyeing works. Circa 18 Jan. 1785.
Sent with the above letter.
Docketed "Plan of Mr. Goodwin the dyer's mill."
5. Letter. John Rennie [London] to James Watt [Birmingham]. Circa 18 Jan. 1785.
This appears to be a draft of the above letter. On the same sheet:
Sketch. Rough plan of Goodwin's premises.
Docketed "About Goodwin's mill."
6. Letter. John Rennie (London) to James Watt (Harper's Hill). 15 Mar. 1785.
7. Letter. John Rennie (London) to James Watt (Birmingham). 11 Apr. 1785.
8. Letter. John Rennie (London) to James Watt (Birmingham). 19 Apr. 1785.
9. Letter. John Rennie (London) to James Watt (Birmingham). 6 May 1785.

Docketed "Mashing machinery."

10. Letter. John Rennie (London) to James Watt (Birmingham). 27 May 1785.
11. Letter. John Rennie (Berwick St., London) to James Watt [Birmingham]. 2 Jun. 1785.
Docketed "Dimensions of Mr. Stonard's piston."
12. Letter. John Rennie (Green Lettice Lane, London) to James Watt [London?].
"Wednesday" [22 Jun. 1785?].
Docketed as 24 Jun., which was a Friday.
Docketed "About Mr. Allingham's engine."
13. Memorandum. Mr. Rennie's time for Messrs. George & James Robinson. 4 Aug. 1785.
In Rennie's hand.
14. Letter. John Rennie (London) to James Watt [Birmingham]. 9 Aug. 1785.
Docketed "Concerning Mr. Robinson's mill."
15. Letter. John Rennie (London) to James Watt (Birmingham). 19 Aug. 1785.
- 16a. Letter. John Rennie (London) to James Watt (Birmingham). 24 Aug. 1785.
Enclosing (b) below.
Docketed "About Messrs. Diggins' engine."
- b. Memorandum. Francis, Richard & John Diggins, Chichester – enquiry for an engine for grinding wheat.
17. Letter. John Rennie (London) to James Watt (Birmingham). 1 Sep. 1785.
18. Letter. John Rennie (London) to James Watt (Birmingham). 2 Sep. 1785.
19. Letter. John Rennie (London) to James Watt (Birmingham). 7 Sep. 1785.
Docketed "Experiment on Stonard & Curtis' engine."
20. Letter. John Rennie (London) to James Watt (Birmingham). 16 Sep. 1785.
21. Memorandum. Account of time to Boulton & Watt – Mr. Rennie. 24 Aug.—11 Sep. 1785.
Account of work done by Rennie for Boulton & Watt. In Rennie's hand.
22. Memorandum. Account of time to Boulton & Scale – Mr. Rennie. 2—10 Sep. 1785.
Account of work done by Rennie for Boulton & Scale. In Rennie's hand.
23. Memorandum. Account of time to Matthew Boulton – Mr. Rennie. 25 Aug.—18 Sep. 1785.
Account of work done by Rennie for Boulton. In Rennie's hand.
24. Letter. John Rennie (London) to James Watt (Birmingham). 26 Sep. 1785.
Docketed "R. C.'s [Robert Cameron's] engine."
25. Letter. John Rennie (London) to James Watt (Birmingham). 8 Oct. 1785.
26. Letter. John Rennie (London) to James Watt (Birmingham). 5 Nov. 1785.
27. Letter. John Rennie [London] to James Watt [Birmingham]. — Nov. 1785.
Docketed only as Nov. 1785. It may have been a postscript to the above letter, as it is marked "5" in the top right corner as if to indicate page 5, and was written by Rennie in a "hasty scrawl".

- 28. Letter. John Rennie (London) to James Watt (Birmingham). 15 Nov. 1785.
- 29. Letter. John Rennie (London) to James Watt (Birmingham). 28 Nov. 1785.
- 30. Letter. John Rennie (London) to James Watt (Birmingham). 4 Dec. 1785.
- 31. Letter. John Rennie (London) to James Watt (Birmingham). 10 Dec. 1785.
- 32. Letter. John Rennie (London) to James Watt [Birmingham]. 19 Dec. 1785.
- 33. Letter. John Rennie (London) to James Watt (Birmingham). 25 Dec. 1785.
Docketed "Dimensions of Mr. Calvert's engine house." With a sketch within the text.

1786.

- 34. Letter. John Rennie (London) to James Watt (Birmingham). 3 Jan. 1786.
- 35. Letter. John Rennie (London) to James Watt [Birmingham]. 4 Feb. 1786. 2 sheets.
On the first sheet:
Sketch. Rough plan of Mr. Batley's mill.
Docketed "Mr. Batley's mill."
- 36. Letter. John Rennie (London) to James Watt (Birmingham). 15 Feb. 1786.
- 37. Letter. John Rennie (London) to James Watt [Birmingham]. 19 Feb. 1786.
Docketed "With observation concerning Mr. Goodwin's plan."
- 38. Letter. John Rennie (London) to James Watt (Birmingham). 1 Mar. 1786.
- 39. Letter. John Rennie (London) to James Watt (Birmingham). 7 Mar. 1786.
- 40. Letter. John Rennie (London) to James Watt (Birmingham). 9 Mar. 1786.
- 41. Letter. John Rennie (London) to James Watt [Birmingham]. 15 Mar. 1786.
Docketed "Liptrap, Goodwin's, and Albion Mill."
- 42. Letter. John Rennie (London) to James Watt (Birmingham). 21 Mar. 1786.
- 43. Letter. John Rennie (London) to James Watt (Birmingham). 25 Mar. 1786.
- 44. Letter. John Rennie (London) to James Watt (Birmingham). 29 Mar. 1786.
Docketed "About Mr. Goodwyn dyer's water."
- 45. Letter. John Rennie (London) to James Watt (Birmingham). 6 Apr. 1786.
- 46. Letter. John Rennie (London) to James Watt (Birmingham). 28 Apr. 1786.
Docketed as 25 Apr.
Docketed "Mr. Aitchison's engine. F. Scott & Company's account."
- 47. Letter. John Rennie (London) to James Watt (Birmingham). 2 May 1786.
Docketed as 3 May.
Docketed "Account of mercury and glass tubes. Proposed power of Aitchison's engine."
- 48. Letter. John Rennie (London) to James Watt (Birmingham). 19 May 1786.
Docketed "Purcel's time at New River. Proposals for Ireland."
- 49. Letter. John Rennie (London) to James Watt (Birmingham). 25 May 1786.

Docketed "Experiments on Albion Mill. Length of Goodwin's shaft. Cameron's and Diggins' engine."

50. Letter. John Rennie (London) to James Watt (Birmingham). 31 May 1786.
Docketed "With accounts."
51. Letter. John Rennie (London) to James Watt (Birmingham). 15 Jun. 1786.
Docketed "With accounts."
52. Letter. John Rennie (London) to James Watt (Birmingham). 28 Jun. 1786.
53. Letter. John Rennie (London) to James Watt (Birmingham). 4 Jul. 1786.
Docketed "About the breaking of Albion Mill connecting rod."
54. Letter. John Rennie (London) to James Watt (Birmingham). 11 Jul. 1786.
Docketed "About mending Albion Mill connecting rod."
55. Letter. John Rennie (London) to James Watt (Birmingham). 26 Jul. 1786.
Docketed "About London Bridge engine."
56. Letter. John Rennie (London) to James Watt [Birmingham]. 28 Jul. 1786.
57. Letter. John Rennie (St. John St., London) to James Watt (Birmingham). 29 Jul. 1786.
On the same sheet:
Transcript of letter. John Rennie to Thomas Pagan. 12 Jul. 1786.
Transcript of letter. Thomas Pagan (Watling St.) to John Rennie. 28 Jul. 1786.
Transcript of letter. ? to Thomas Pagan. Not dated.
Docketed "Copy of his letter to Mr. Pagan."
58. Letter. John Rennie (London) to James Watt (Birmingham). 2 Aug. 1786.
Docketed "Tree for Albion Mill beam."
59. Letter. John Rennie [London] to James Watt (Birmingham). 4 Aug. 1786.
Not dated – date taken from the docket. On the same sheet:
Sketch. Plan of Liptrap's engine, well, boiler and cistern.
Docketed "Fish & Yates, and Liptrap's water."
60. Letter. John Rennie (London) to James Watt (Birmingham). 11 Sep. 1786.
Docketed "About Liptrap's connecting rod."
61. Letter. John Rennie (London) to James Watt (Birmingham). 15 Sep. 1786.
Docketed "Stonard & Curtis' grate, and Bowser's engine."
62. Letter. John Rennie (London) to James Watt (Birmingham). 20 Sep. 1786.
63. Letter. John Rennie (London) to James Watt (Birmingham). 25 Sep. 1786.
64. Letter. John Rennie (London) to James Watt (Birmingham). 5 Oct. 1786.
Docketed "Mr. Goodwin's boiler."
65. Letter. John Rennie (London) to James Watt (Birmingham). 10 Oct. 1786. 2 sheets.
Docketed as 11 Oct.
Docketed "Number and use of the stones at Liptrap's, and Bell & Gosse, and about William Murdock's brother."
66. Letter. John Rennie (London) to James Watt (Birmingham). 16 Oct. 1786.
Not dated – date taken from the postmark.
67. Letter. John Rennie (London) to James Watt (Birmingham). 26 Oct. 1786.

Docketed "About Mr. Liptrap's engine."

68. Letter. John Rennie (London) to James Watt (Birmingham). 30 Oct. 1786.
Docketed "Mr. Liptrap's engine grinding 24 bushels per hour."
69. Letter. John Rennie (London) to James Watt (chez Monsieur Delessert, Rue Cloghiron, Paris). 8 Dec. 1786.
On the same sheet:
Sketch. Plan of Mr. Yallowley's engine and arrangement of boilers.
- 1787.**
1. Letter. John Rennie (London) to James Watt (Birmingham). 22 Feb. 1787.
2. Letter. John Rennie (London) to James Watt (Birmingham). 21 Mar. 1787.
Docketed as 20 Mar.
Docketed "Gun barrel maker."
3. Letter. John Rennie (London) to James Watt (Birmingham). 31 Mar. 1787.
4. Letter. John Rennie (London) to James Watt (Birmingham). 4 Apr. 1787.
Docketed "About Mr. Rutt's engine."
5. Letter. John Rennie (London) to James Watt (Birmingham). 12 Apr. 1787.
On the same sheet:
Memorandum. Estimate of an engine with a 26 inch cylinder for Messrs. Folliott Scott & Co.
Docketed "About F. Scott's engine. Estimate."
6. Letter. John Rennie (London) to James Watt (Birmingham). 19 Apr. 1787.
7. Letter. John Rennie [London] to James Watt (Birmingham). — May 1787.
Not dated – date taken from the docket.
Docketed "Messrs. Byers & Co.'s sawmill."
8. Letter. John Rennie (London) to James Watt (Birmingham). 2 May 1785.
9. Letter. John Rennie (London) to James Watt (Birmingham). 3 May 1785.
Docketed "About F. Scott's wheels."
10. Letter. John Rennie (Rotherhithe) to James Watt (Birmingham). 9 May 1787.
Docketed "About F. Scott's gudgeon."
11. Letter. John Rennie (London) to James Watt (Birmingham). 12 May 1787.
On the same sheet:
Sketch. Plan of Mr. Lowe's premises.
Docketed "About Mr. Lowe's engine."
12. Letter. John Rennie (London) to James Watt (Birmingham). 16 May 1787.
Docketed "Byers & Anderson's mill."
13. Letter. John Rennie (London) to James Watt [Birmingham]. 12 Jun. 1787.
Docketed "Account of performace of Bell & Gosse's engine."
14. Letter. John Rennie (London) to James Watt (Birmingham). 26 Jun. 1787.
Docketed "With Mr. Haig's account and some account of Cameron's and Goodwin's engines."
15. Letter. John Rennie (London) to Matthew Boulton (Soho). 3 Jul. 1787.
Docketed by Watt.

Docketed "About wharf."

16. Letter. John Rennie (London) to James Watt (Birmingham). 7 Jul. 1787.
Docketed "Aitchison & Brown's mill."
17. Letter. John Rennie (London) to James Watt (Birmingham). 10 Jul. 1787.
Docketed "Folliot Scott. Albion Mill."
18. Letter. John Rennie (London) to James Watt (Birmingham). 3 Aug. 1787.
Docketed "Mr. Sole's engine."
19. Letter. John Rennie (London) to James Watt [Birmingham]. 12 Oct. 1787.
Docketed "About F. Scott's engine."
20. Letter. John Rennie (London) to James Watt [Birmingham]. 16 Nov. 1787.
Docketed "Performance of C. Goodwin's engine."
21. Letter. John Rennie (London) to James Watt (Birmingham). 24 Nov. 1787.
Docketed "Battersea. C. Goodwin. Albion Mill."

1788.

22. Letter. John Rennie (London) to James Watt (Birmingham). 25 Jan. 1788.
On the same sheet:
Transcript of letter. J. Haig & Co. to John Rennie. 17 Jan. 1788.
Draft of letter. John Rennie to J. Haig & Co.
Docketed "Copy letter to Mr. Haig."
23. Letter. John Rennie [London] to James Watt (Birmingham). 29 Jan. 1788.
Not dated – date taken from the docket.
Docketed "Albion Mill connecting rod."
24. Letter. John Rennie (London) to James Watt (Birmingham). 12 Feb. 1788.
Docketed "About Mr. Haig's account."
25. Letter. John Rennie (London) to James Watt (Birmingham). 19 Feb. 1788.
26. Letter. John Rennie (London) to James Watt (Birmingham). 18 Mar. 1788.
27. Letter. John Rennie (London) to James Watt (Birmingham). 12 Apr. 1788.
28. Letter. John Rennie (London) to James Watt (Birmingham). 8 May 1788.
On the same sheet:
Sketch. Plan of F. Scott & Co.'s engine, boiler, furnaces and flue.
Docketed "Folliot Scott & Co.'s boiler."
29. Letter. John Rennie (London) to James Watt [Birmingham]. 22 Jul. 1788.
30. Letter. John Rennie (London) to James Watt (Birmingham). 1 Aug. 1788.
31. Letter. John Rennie (London) to James Watt [Birmingham]. 18 Sep. 1788.
32. Letter. John Rennie (London) to James Watt (Birmingham). 22 Sep. 1788.
Docketed "About new engines wanted."
33. Letter. John Rennie (London) to James Watt (Birmingham). 10 Oct. 1788.
Docketed "Order for Haig's engine. Drawings for wool spinning."
34. Letter. John Rennie (Littlebury) to James Watt (Birmingham). 3 Nov. 1788.

Docketed "Lewin & Co.'s mill."

35. Letter. John Rennie (London) to James Watt [Birmingham]. 11 Nov. 1788.
Docketed "Mr. Goodwyn's fire."
36. Letter. John Rennie (London) to James Watt (Birmingham). 12 Nov. 1788.
Docketed "About Mr. Goodwyn's engine."
37. Letter. John Rennie (London) to James Watt (Birmingham). 15 Nov. 1788.
Docketed "About Mr. Goodwyn's engine and Messrs. Morgan & Company."
38. Letter. John Rennie (Bottisham) to James Watt [Birmingham]. 26 Nov. 1788.
Docketed "Morgan Lewin & Cole's goods."
39. Letter. John Rennie (Cambridge) to James Watt [Birmingham]. 5 Dec. 1788.
Docketed "F. Scott & Co.'s mill."
40. Letter. John Rennie (London) to James Watt (Birmingham). 18 Dec. 1788.
On the same sheet:
Sketches. Arrangement of Mr. Goodwyn's engine and pumps.
Docketed "Mr. Goodwyn's pumps."
41. Letter. John Rennie (London) to James Watt (Birmingham). 23 Dec. 1788.
Docketed "About Allward's offering himself to a place and going to Russia."
42. Letter. John Rennie (London) to James Watt [Birmingham]. 27 Dec. 1788.
Docketed "Messrs. Lewin & Co. agreeing to the draft of indenture."

1789.

1. Letter. John Rennie (London) to James Watt (Birmingham). 27 Jan. 1789.
On the same sheet:
Sketch. Plan of arrangement of Scott's engine, hammer etc.
Docketed "About Albion Mill and Folliot Scott & Co."
2. Letter. John Rennie (London) to James Watt (Birmingham). 4 Feb. 1789.
Docketed "Received Messrs. Lewin & Co.'s agreement."
3. Letter. John Rennie (London) to James Watt (Birmingham). 10 Feb. 1789.
Docketed "Mr. Menza."
4. Letter. John Rennie (London) to James Watt (Birmingham). 13 Feb. 1789.
5. Letter. John Rennie (London) to James Watt (Birmingham). 23 Feb. 1789.
Docketed "About Lochs Crinan and Gilp."
6. Letter. John Rennie (London) to James Watt (Birmingham). 27 Feb. 1789.
Docketed "Speed of Albion Mill stones."
7. Letter. John Rennie (London) to James Watt (Birmingham). 9 Mar. 1789.
On the same sheet:
Postscript re. a an order for starch by Mrs. Watt.
Docketed "Order for Messrs. Lingard & Sadler."
8. Letter. John Rennie (London) to James Watt (Birmingham). 11 Mar. 1789.
On the same sheet:
Transcript of letter. Mr. — Aitchison to John Rennie. 10 Mar. 1789 [?].
Docketed "About Aitchison and Brown."
9. Letter. John Rennie (London) to James Watt (Birmingham). 9 Apr. 1789.

10. Letter. John Rennie (London) to James Watt (Birmingham). 20 Apr. 1789.
11. Letter. John Rennie (London) to James Watt (Birmingham). 28 Apr. 1789.
12. Letter. John Rennie (London) to James Watt (Birmingham). 30 Apr. 1789.
Docketed as 29 Apr.
Docketed "About small engine for Walthamstow."
13. Letter. John Rennie (London) to James Watt (Birmingham). 5 May 1789.
14. Letter. John Rennie (London) to James Watt [Birmingham]. 7 May 1789.
Docketed "Searching for Scantlebury's patent."
15. Letter. John Rennie (London) to James Watt (Birmingham). 20 May 1789.
On the same sheet:
Sketch. Plan of Scott's engine and hammer, rolling mill etc.
Docketed "Messrs. Phyn & Ellice and Folliott Scott."
16. Letter. John Rennie (London) to James Watt (Birmingham). 1 Jun. 1789.
Docketed "Price of spouting pumps."
17. Letter. John Rennie (London) to James Watt [Birmingham]. 5 Jun. 1789.
Docketed "Price of Leopold."
18. Letter. John Rennie (London) to James Watt (Birmingham). 10 Jun. 1789.
19. Letter. John Rennie (London) to James Watt (Birmingham). 15 Jun. 1789.
Docketed "Price of Mr. Birch's pumps."
20. Letter. John Rennie (London) to James Watt (Birmingham). 21 Jun. 1789.
Docketed "About small engine for Mr. Shepherd, Faversham."
21. Letter. John Rennie (London) to James Watt (Birmingham). 30 Jun. 1789.
Docketed "Mr. Birch's pumps."
22. Letter. John Rennie (London) to James Watt (Birmingham). 13 Jul. 1789.
Docketed "Price of Mr. Burch's pumps."
23. Letter. John Rennie (London) to James Watt (Birmingham). 18 Jul. 1789.
Docketed "About Mr. Dunkin's engine."
24. Letter. John Rennie (London) to James Watt (Birmingham). 22 Jul. 1789.
Docketed "About Dunkin's engine."
25. Letter. John Rennie (Odiham) to Matthew Boulton (Soho). 17 Aug. 1789.
Docketed "About Mr. Shepherd's engine and about Robert Cameron and Blair & Jefferies."
26. Letter. John Rennie (Birmingham) to James Watt (6 Green Lettice Lane). 30 Sep. 1789.
Docketed "About settling with Mr. Menza."
27. Letter. John Rennie (London) to James Watt (Birmingham). 19 Oct. 1789.
28. Letter. John Rennie (London) to James Watt (Birmingham). 20 Oct. 1789.
29. Letter. John Rennie (Angel Inn, Bury St. Edmunds) to James Watt (Birmingham). 28 Oct. 1789.
Docketed "Mr. Dunkin's 8 horse engine."

30. Letter. John Rennie (Bury St. Edmunds) to James Watt (Birmingham). 2 Nov. 1789.
On the same sheet:
Letter. W. Wilkin, Treasurer to the Commissioners of Middle Fen District (Soham) to James Watt (Birmingham). 30 Oct. 1789.
Docketed "About Middle Fen engine."
31. Letter. John Rennie (London) to James Watt (Birmingham). 15 Dec. 1789.
Docketed "Wiltshire Canal engine."
32. Letter. John Rennie (London) to James Watt (Birmingham). 29 Dec. 1789.
Docketed "With Mr. Paty's agreement."
- 1790.**
33. Letter. John Rennie (London) to James Watt [Birmingham]. 5 Jan. 1790.
Docketed "Ordering Gardner & Co.'s engine."
34. Letter. John Rennie (London) to James Watt (Birmingham). 9 Jan. 1790.
Docketed "Mr. McSween's engine for West Indies."
35. Letter. John Rennie (London) to James Watt (Birmingham). 15 Jan. 1790.
Docketed as 19 Jan.
Docketed "Price of Leopold. About Dunkin's engine."
36. Letter. John Rennie (London) to James Watt (Birmingham). 25 Jan. 1790.
Docketed "Prices – millstones and boulting machines. Leopold etc."
37. Letter. John Rennie (London) to James Watt (Birmingham). 26 Jan. 1790.
Docketed as 23 Jan.
Docketed "About Irish engine."
38. Letter. John Rennie (London) to James Watt (Birmingham). 4 Feb. 1790.
Docketed "Power for millstones. Gardner's fly wheel broke."
39. Letter. John Rennie (London) to James Watt (Birmingham). 16 Feb. 1790.
Docketed "Irish corn mill, Gardner's shaft, forcing pumps."
40. Letter. John Rennie (London) to James Watt (Birmingham). 19 Feb. 1790.
On the same sheet:
Transcript of letter. Mr. — McSween (Greenock) to John Rennie. 9 Feb. 1790.
Docketed "Andover Canal. McSween's letter."
41. Letter. John Rennie (London) to James Watt (Birmingham). 26 Feb. 1790.
Docketed "Gardner' shafts. Water closet."
42. Letter. John Rennie (London) to James Watt [Birmingham]. 5 Mar. 1790.
Docketed "Gardner's shaft. Dr. Born. Cement."
43. Letter. John Rennie (London) to James Watt (Birmingham). 8 Apr. 1790.
Docketed "Prices of large vats."
44. Letter. John Rennie (London) to James Watt [Birmingham]. 10 Apr. 1790.
Docketed "Mr. Jones' engine."
45. Letter. John Rennie (London) to James Watt (Birmingham). 26 Apr. 1790.
Docketed "Stort & Brand plate. Pumps etc."
46. Letter. John Rennie (London) to James Watt (Birmingham). 5 May 1790.

Docketed "Sainsbury, Paty, Wilson, pumps etc."

47. Letter. John Rennie (Six Bells, Bury St. Edmunds) to James Watt (Birmingham). 12 May 1790.
Docketed "Mr. Evans and Mr. Studd."
48. Letter. John Rennie (Bury St. Edmunds) to James Watt (Birmingham). 16 May 1790.
Docketed "About Mr. Leveque's goods."
49. Letter. John Rennie [London] to James Watt (6 Green Lettice Lane). 31 May 1790.
Docketed "About corn mill by common engine."
50. Letter. John Rennie (London) to James Watt (Birmingham). 29 Jun. 1790.
Docketed "Preston & Stretton. Mr. Evans of Marshland."
51. Letter. John Rennie (London) to James Watt (Birmingham). 3 Jul. 1790.
Docketed "Gardner & Manse. Evans, Lynn. Wilson's parallel motion and working gear."
52. Letter. John Rennie (Sarum) to James Watt (Birmingham). 23 Jul. 1790.
Docketed "Doctor Johnson's 20 horse engine."
53. Letter. John Rennie (Andover) to James Watt (Birmingham). 25 Jul. 1790.
On the same sheet:
Transcript of letter. David Thompson (—) to John Rennie. Not dated.
Docketed "D. Thompson's letter."
54. Letter. John Rennie (London) to James Watt (Birmingham). 6 Aug. 1790.
On the same sheet:
Transcript of letter. A. Whincop (Lynn) to John Rennie. Not dated.
Docketed "Copy of Whincop's letter."
55. Letter. John Rennie (London) to James Watt (Birmingham). 17 Aug. 1790.
Docketed "Johnson & Gould. Snuff machinery. Shepherd's dispute."
56. Letter. John Rennie (London) to James Watt (Birmingham). 23 Aug. 1790.
On the same sheet:
Transcript of letter. John Rennie to Mr. — Shepherd. 10 Jun. 1789.
Docketed "Shepherd's engine – letter to him. Johnson & Gould."
57. Letter. John Rennie (London) to James Watt (Birmingham). 27 Aug. 1790.
Docketed "D. Thompson. Johnson & Gould. Lingard's boiler."
58. Letter. John Rennie (London) to James Watt (Birmingham). 28 Aug. 1790.
Docketed "D. Thompson. Fowling pieces."
59. Letter. John Rennie (London) to James Watt [Birmingham]. 31 Aug. 1790.
Docketed "D. Thompson. Wages proposed."
60. Letter. John Rennie (London) to James Watt [Birmingham]. 7 Sep. 1790.
Docketed "Wilson's engine."
61. Letter. John Rennie (London) to James Watt (Birmingham). 11 Sep. 1790.
On the same sheet:
Transcript of letter. David Thompson (Leith Walk) to John Rennie. 7 Sep. 1790.
Docketed "D. Thompson's acceptance of proposals."
62. Letter. John Rennie (London) to James Watt (Birmingham). 18 Sep. 1790.
Docketed "Shepherd. Johnson & Gould. Leveque."

63. Letter. John Rennie (London) to James Watt (Birmingham). 23 Sep. 1790.
Docketed "Character of Thompson."
64. Letter. John Rennie (London) to James Watt (Soho). 7 Oct. 1790.
Not dated – date taken from the postmark and docket.
65. Letter. John Rennie (London) to John Southern (Soho). 9 Oct. 1790.
Docketed by Watt. On the same sheet:
Sketch. Plan of Johnson & Gould's engine house and mills.
Docketed "Johnson & Gould's boiler."
66. Letter. John Rennie (London) to James Watt [Soho]. 11 Oct. 1790.
Docketed "Receipt of drawings. Gardner's motion. Thompson."
67. Letter. John Rennie (London) to James Watt [Soho]. 13 Oct. 1790.
Docketed "Gardner's parallel motion."
68. Letter. John Rennie (London) to James Watt (Heathfield). 15 Oct. 1790.
Docketed "By David Thompson."
69. Letter. John Rennie (London) to James Watt (Soho). 20 Oct. 1790.
Docketed "Mr. Spooner's pumps."
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76. Letter. John Rennie (London) to James Watt (Soho). 4 Jan. 1791.
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77. Letter. John Rennie (London) to James Watt (Soho). 11 Jan. 1791.
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78. Letter. John Rennie (London) to James Watt (Soho). 13 Jan. 1791.
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79. Letter. John Rennie (London) to James Watt (Soho). 28 Jan. 1791.
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80. Letter. John Rennie (London) to James Watt (Soho). 7 Feb. 1791.
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81. Letter. John Rennie (London) to James Watt (Birmingham). 10 Feb. 1791.
Docketed "About Mr. Torres' shaft."

82. Letter. John Rennie (Maidstone) to James Watt (Soho). 23 Feb. 1791.
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83. Letter. John Rennie (London) to James Watt (Soho). 2 Mar. 1791.
Docketed "Burning the Albion Mill."
84. Letter. John Rennie (London) to James Watt (Soho). 5 Mar. 1791.
Docketed "Account of the remains of the Albion Mill. Effects of Goss & Benwell's engine."
85. Letter. John Rennie (London) to James Watt (Soho). 19 Apr. 1791.
Docketed "Gardner & Co.'s engine and boiler."
86. Letter. John Rennie (London) to James Watt (Soho). 27 Apr. 1791.
Docketed "Mr. Goodwin's fire."
87. Letter. John Rennie (London) to James Watt (Soho). 3 May 1791.
Docketed "Snuff mills. Beconnais etc."
88. Letter. John Rennie (Wilsontown) to James Watt (Soho). 24 Jun. 1791.
89. Letter. John Rennie (London) to James Watt (Soho). 14 Jul. 1791.
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90. Letter. John Rennie (London) to James Watt (Soho). 18 Jul. 1791.
Docketed "Goodwin's engine and Murdock."
91. Letter. John Rennie (Rochdale) to James Watt [Soho]. 17 Aug. 1791.
92. Letter. John Rennie (Bradford) to James Watt (Soho). 31 Aug. 1791.
93. Letter. John Rennie (Chester) to James Watt (Soho). 4 Sep. 1791.
94. Letter. John Rennie (London) to James Watt (Soho). 15 Sep. 1791.
Docketed "Nantes materials. Sending off men for ditto. J. & William Wilson's blast engine. David Watson."
95. Letter. John Rennie (London) to James Watt (Soho). 16 Sep. 1791.
Docketed "Messrs. Goodwin's alterations. A. Mickle's patent."
96. Letter. John Rennie (London) to James Watt (Soho). 22 Sep. 1791.
On the same sheet:
Transcript of letter. David Watson (11 Thurlow St.) to John Rennie. 14 Sep. 1791.
Transcript of letter. David Watson (11 Thurlow St.) to John Rennie. 17 Sep. 1791.
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97. Letter. John Rennie (Rochdale) to James Watt (Soho). 21 Oct. 1791.
98. Letter. John Rennie (London) to James Watt (Soho). 7 Nov. 1791.
99. Letter. John Rennie (London) to James Watt (Soho). 23 Dec. 1791.
Docketed "Barley mills etc."
100. Letter. John Rennie (London) to James Watt (Soho). 31 Dec. 1791.
Docketed "About Nantes engine."
101. Accounts. Two accounts on the same sheet, as follows:
Messrs. Thebaud Ainé Jalaber & Co. debtors to John Rennie. 1791.

Messrs. Boulton & Watt debtors to John Rennie. 24 Feb. 1791—7 Jan. 1792.
Docketed "Mr. Rennie's account against Messrs. Thebaud Jalaber & Co., 1791."