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**REEL 234**

**3/353 Thomas Wilson, 1793 (56 items)**

1. Letter. Thomas Wilson (Truro) to Boulton & Watt (Soho). 1 Jan. 1793. 2 sheets.  
*On the same sheets:*  
Draft of Wilson's comparison between Boulton & Watt, Newcomen and Hornblower engines.  
*Mis-dated as 1792 by Wilson.*  
*Docketed "With sketch of his alterations on the pamphlet."*
2. Letter. Thomas Wilson (Truro) to Matthew Boulton [Soho]. 3 Jan. 1793.
3. Letter. Thomas Wilson (Truro) to Boulton & Watt (Soho). 9 Jan. 1793.  
*Docketed "Publication against Hornblowers."*
4. Letter. Thomas Wilson (Truro) to Boulton & Watt [Soho]. 12 Jan. 1793.  
*Letter continued on 13 Jan.*
5. Letter. Thomas Wilson (Truro) to Boulton & Watt (6 Green Lettice Lane, London).  
18 Jan. 1793.
6. Letter. Thomas Wilson (Truro) to Boulton & Watt (6 Green Lettice Lane, London).  
19 Jan. 1793.  
*Docketed "Agreement for Hewas engine."*
7. Letter. Thomas Wilson (Truro) to Boulton & Watt [6 Green Lettice Lane, London].  
20 Jan. 1793.  
*Docketed as 7 Jan.*
8. Letter. Thomas Wilson (Truro) to Boulton & Watt (6 Green Lettice Lane, London).  
21 Jan. 1793.  
*Docketed "Thomas Pearson."*
9. Letter. Thomas Wilson (Truro) to Boulton & Watt (Soho). 27 Jan. 1793.
10. Letter. Thomas Wilson (Exeter) to Boulton & Watt (Soho). 29 Jan. 1793.  
*Letter continued at Newport on 31 Jan.*
11. Letter. John Edwards Jr. (Truro) to Boulton & Watt (Soho). 26 Feb. 1793.  
*Docketed "Hewas agreement."*
12. Letter. Thomas Wilson (Truro) to Boulton & Watt (Soho). 7 Mar. 1793.  
*Docketed "Refusal to pay premiums on Hallamanin." Marked [by Henry Hazleton?] "12 honest men cannot be found in the county."*
13. Letter. Thomas Wilson (Truro) to Boulton & Watt (Soho). 8 Mar. 1793.  
*Docketed "Exeter paragraph supposed by Grylls."*
14. Letter. Thomas Wilson (Truro) to Boulton & Watt (Soho). 11 Mar. 1793.  
*Docketed "Hewas agreement."*

- 15.** Letter. Thomas Wilson (Truro) to Boulton & Watt (Soho). 15 Mar. 1793.  
*Docketed "About copper."*
- 16.** Letter. Thomas Wilson (Truro) to Boulton & Watt (Soho). 23 Mar. 1793.  
*Docketed "Hateley's letter."*
- 17.** Letter. Thomas Wilson (Truro) to Boulton & Watt (Soho). 7 Apr. 1793.  
*Docketed "Agreement at Hewas executed. Bull stopped at Crenver."*
- 18.** Letter. Thomas Wilson (Truro) to Boulton & Watt (Soho). 12 Apr. 1793.  
*Docketed "Chacewater engine sold to Wheal Carpenter. Cardrew Downs adventurers order for a 20 horse engine. Copper. Bull stopped at Retallack. Price of Bull's castings."*
- 19.** Letter. Thomas Wilson (Truro) to Boulton & Watt (Soho). 19 Apr. 1793.  
*Docketed "Agreement for United Mines found. Subpoenas wanted for witnesses. Copper in hand."*
- 20.** Letter. Thomas Wilson (Truro) to Boulton & Watt [Soho]. 23 Apr. 1793.  
*Docketed "United Mines disposed to erect a new engine and pay up arrears."*
- 21.** Letter. Thomas Wilson (Truro) to Boulton & Watt (Soho). 30 Apr. 1793.  
*Docketed "Remittance of £437.3.7."*
- 22.** Letter. Thomas Wilson (Truro) to James Watt (Soho). 19 May 1793.  
*Docketed "Bill for £264.5. Cook's Kitchen deed. Refusal of Harris to pay. Copper. Bad state of Consolidated Mines. United Mines."*
- 23.** Letter. Thomas Wilson (Truro) to Boulton & Watt [Soho]. 25 May 1793.  
*Docketed "Harris' refusal to pay. Tin."*
- 24.** Letter. Thomas Wilson (Truro) to James Watt (Soho). 31 May 1793.  
*On the same sheet:*  
Account. Boulton & Watt debtors to John Edwards Jr. Apr. 1790—23 Apr. 1793.  
*Mis-docketed as 31 Mar. 1794.*  
*Docketed "John Edwards Junr. bill for law charges. Bill for £173.2. Tin shipped for Birmingham. Kevill's promise to get Cook's Kitchen adventurers to execute agreement. Wheal Gons losing £6 to £700 per month."*
- 25.** Letter. Thomas Wilson (Truro) to Boulton & Watt (6 Green Lettice Lane, London).  
6 Jun. 1793.  
*Docketed "United Mines take Chacewater engine. Payments not to be made to Mr. Hurd."*  
*Marked [by Henry Hazleton?] "12 men in the county who understand engines."*
- 26.** Letter. Thomas Wilson (Truro) to Boulton & Watt (6 Green Lettice Lane, London). 7 Jun.  
1793.
- 27.** Letter. Thomas Wilson (Truro) to Boulton & Watt (6 Green Lettice Lane, London).  
8 Jun. 1793.  
*Docketed "Copper."*
- 28.** Letter. Thomas Wilson (Truro) to Boulton & Watt (6 Green Lettice Lane, London).  
12 Jun. 1793.  
*Mis-dated as May by Wilson. Docketed "United Mines. Serving of subpoenas upon witnesses for Bull's trial."*
- 29.** Letter. Thomas Wilson (Truro) to Boulton & Watt (6 Green Lettice Lane, London).  
14 Jun. 1793.  
*Docketed "Poldice meeting. Wheal Gons refusal of payment. Wheal Reeth agreement signed. About subpoenaing Grylls."*

- 30.** Letter. Thomas Wilson (Exeter) to Boulton & Watt (6 Green Lettice Lane, London). 16 Jun. 1793.  
*Docketed "About evidences etc."*
- 31.** Letter. Thomas Wilson (Cardiff) to Boulton & Watt (Soho). 5 Jul. 1793.
- 32.** Letter. Thomas Wilson (London) to Boulton & Watt (Soho). 15 Jul. 1793.
- 33.** Letter. Thomas Wilson (Launceston) to Boulton & Watt (Soho).  
"Wednesday Noon" [17 Jul. 1793].  
*Docketed "About Sherborne paragraphs. Copper."*
- 34.** Letter. Thomas Wilson (Truro) to Boulton & Watt (Soho). 20 Jul. 1793.  
*Docketed "Copper."*
- 35.** Letter. Thomas Wilson (Yeovil) to Boulton & Watt (Soho). 1 Aug. 1793.  
*Letter continued from Andover on 2 Aug.*  
*Docketed "Conversation with Mr. Thomas. Seal Hole."*
- 36.** Letter. Thomas Wilson (Truro) to James Watt (Soho). 15 Aug. 1793.  
*Docketed "Tinnners' riot. His return to Cornwall."*
- 37.** Letter. Thomas Wilson (Truro) to James Watt (Soho). 17 Aug. 1793.  
*Docketed "Sherborne Mercury."*
- 38.** Letter. Thomas Wilson (Truro) to James Watt (Soho). 21 Aug. 1793.  
*Docketed "Smith's colliery. Tinnners' riots."*
- 39.** Letter. Thomas Wilson (Truro) to Boulton & Watt (Soho). 23 Aug. 1793.  
*Docketed "Bargain for copper. Sold to Williams. Hallamanin. Consolidated Mines."*
- 40.** Letter. Thomas Wilson (Truro) to James Watt (Soho). 14 Sep. 1793.  
*Docketed "Chacewater engine. United Mines. R. Mitchell."*
- 41.** Letter. Thomas Wilson (Truro) to Boulton & Watt (Soho). 22 Sep. 1793.  
*Docketed "Wheal Carpenter. Chacewater engine. Pirates' engine."*
- 42.** Letter. Thomas Wilson (Truro) to Boulton & Watt (Soho). 26 Sep. 1793.  
*Docketed "Cornish Metal Co. statement."*  
*Summarised "Cornish Metal Co. statements. Mr. Byerly visits Cornwall at Mr. Wedgwood's desire."*
- 43.** Letter. Thomas Wilson (Truro) to Boulton & Watt (Soho). 11 Oct. 1793.  
*Docketed "Hornblower's engine, Bull's ditto. Poldice water."*  
*Summarised "Remarks on the engines erected by Hornblower and Bull. The little engine at Wheal Carpenter works well. Trouble with excessive water in mines."*
- 44.** Letter. Thomas Wilson (Truro) to James Watt (Soho). 13 Oct. 1793.  
*Docketed "R. Mitchell. Poldice water."*  
*Summarised "Richard Mitchell will not undertake the joinery. Meeting of adventurers called to consider what they will take in a new set of pumps for Wheal Maid."*
- 45.** Letter. Thomas Wilson (Truro) to Boulton & Watt (Soho). 18 Oct. 1793.  
*Docketed "Poldice water and North Downs."*  
*Summarised "Adventurers in Gwennap mines decide to put in another lift at Wheal Maid, and remarks on the share to be born by other adventurers."*
- 46.** Letter. Thomas Wilson (Truro) to Boulton & Watt [Soho]. 28 Oct. 1783.  
*Docketed "With copper accounts."*

- 47.** Letter. Thomas Wilson (Truro) to Matthew Boulton (6 Green Lettice Lane, London). 23 Nov. 1793.  
*Docketed "Wheal Treasure refusal to pay."*  
*Summarised "Captain Trevithick refuses to pay any more premiums for Wheal Treasury till the case between Boulton & Watt and Bull is settled."*
- 48a.** Letter. Thomas Wilson (Truro) to James Watt (Soho). 29 Nov. 1793.  
*With (b) below attached.*  
*Docketed "Bull's 1<sup>st</sup> advertisement. Where the different recusant engines originally were. Trevithick's refusal to pay for Wheal Treasure."*
- b.** Cutting from the *Exeter Gazette*. 5 Dec. 1793.  
*Letter from Edward Bull "to the adventurers of mines in Cornwall," 28 Nov. 1793.*
- 49.** Letter. Thomas Wilson (Truro) to James Watt [Soho]. 4 Dec. 1793.  
*Mis-dated as 1792 by Wilson.*
- 50.** Letter. Thomas Wilson (Truro) to James Watt (Soho). 10 Dec. 1793.  
*Docketed "Consolidated Mines abatement."*  
*Summarised "Glad Boulton & Watt will answer Bull, as he appears triumphant. Concerning abatements and number of engines to be kept at work at Consolidated Mines."*
- 51.** Letter. Thomas Wilson (Truro) to Boulton & Watt (Soho). 12 Dec. 1793.  
*On the same sheet:*  
 Letter. Thomas Wilson (Truro) to Matthew Boulton (Soho). 12 Dec. 1793.  
*Docketed "About Bull's boastings and about Mr. Boulton's copper."*  
*Summarised "Murdock leaves for Neath to fix the cylinder. Bull advises the adventurers not to hear Boulton & Watt as they need not now use their engines. Will Boulton & Watt take shares in the Neath Iron Works."*
- 52.** Letter. Thomas Wilson (Truro) to James Watt (Soho). 19 Dec. 1793.  
*Docketed "United Mines refusal to pay as per agreement."*  
*Summarised "United Mines adventurers refuse to pay as per agreement. Hornblower's engine 8 days getting to work, nearly the same at Wheal Unity. They lose ground very much in the opinion of the people, which Wilson trusts will be the case with Bull's followers."*
- 53.** Letter. Thomas Wilson (Truro) to James Watt (Soho). 24 Dec. 1793.  
*Docketed "Letter from Wheal Gons [within the text] refusing payment."*  
*Summarised "Copies of letters from Wheal Gons (adventurers) refusing payment. Trevithick the author of the trouble."*
- 54.** Letter. Thomas Wilson (Truro) to James Watt [Soho]. 27 Dec. 1793.  
*Docketed "Copy letter from Richards [within the text] on removing Retallack engine to Wheal Treasury. Herland. United Mines."*  
*Summarised "Concerning the agreements on removing Hallamanin to Retallack, then to Wheal Treasury. Copy of Richard Mitchell's letter on above. Have no agreements for engines removed except Herland from Chacewater and Polgooth from Wheal Crenver."*
- 55.** Letter. Thomas Wilson (Truro) to Boulton & Watt (Soho). 28 Dec. 1793.  
*Docketed "With Bull's 2<sup>nd</sup> advertisement."*  
*Summarised "Sends copy of Bull's advertisement in the Exeter paper."*
- 56.** Letter. Thomas Wilson (Truro) to James Watt (Soho). 30 Dec. 1793.  
*Docketed "Wheal Gons adventurers." Summarised "Concerning agreements for Wheal Gons engines removed to Dolcoath. Also Wheal Treasury. List of Wheal Gons adventurers."*

**3/354 Thomas Wilson, 1794**

**(68 items)**

- 1.** Letter. Thomas Wilson (Truro) to James Watt [Soho]. 8 Jan. 1794.

- 2a.** Letter. Thomas Wilson (Truro) to James Watt (Soho). 12 Jan. 1794.  
*Enclosing (b) below. Docketed "With printed copy of Bull's advertisement. Account of same. Hornblower's engine. Recusants."*
- b.** Cutting from the *Exeter Gazette*.  
*Letter from Edward Bull to Boulton & Watt. 24 Dec. 1793.*
- 3.** Memorandum. Mr. Wilson's account of ores smelted for us 1793—1794 & difference of war and peace price.
- 4.** Letter. Thomas Wilson (Truro) to Boulton & Watt (Soho). 13 Jan. 1794.  
*Docketed "With statement of the cases of the recusant mines."*
- 5.** Letter. Thomas Wilson (Truro) to James Watt (Soho). 14 Jan. 1794.  
*Docketed "Names of adventurers in recusant mines. Herland. Kevill."*
- 6.** Letter. James Watt (Birmingham) to Ambrose Weston (31 Fenchurch St., London). 16 Jan. 1794.  
*This letter was posted, so presumably Weston returned it to Boulton & Watt. Docketed "Names of the principal adventurers."*
- 7.** Letter. Thomas Wilson (Truro) to James Watt [Soho]. 16 Jan. 1794.
- 8.** Letter. Thomas Wilson (Truro) to Boulton & Watt (Soho). 17 Jan. 1794.  
*Docketed "Edwards' opinion about stopping the ores at Poldice. Wilson's wish to draw upon is."*
- 9.** Letter. Thomas Wilson (Truro) to James Watt [Soho]. 18 Jan. 1794.  
*Docketed "Payments from Polgooth and Herland."*
- 10.** Letter. Thomas Wilson (Truro) to James Watt [Soho]. 19 Jan. 1794.  
*Docketed With lists of recusants and hints of letters that might be useful."*
- 11.** Letter. Thomas Wilson (Truro) to James Watt [Soho]. 21 Jan. 1794.
- 12.** Letter. Thomas Wilson (Truro) to James Watt [Soho]. 22 Jan. 1794.
- 13.** Letter. Thomas Wilson (Truro) to Matthew Boulton (Soho). 23 Jan. 1794.  
*Docketed "Hallamanin."*
- 14.** Letter. Thomas Wilson (Truro) to James Watt (Soho). 27 Feb. 1794.  
*Docketed "Wheal Treasure. Poldice. Trevithick's abuse."*
- 15.** Letter. Thomas Wilson (Truro) to James Watt (Soho). 3 Mar. 1794.  
*Docketed "Propositon from Godolphin."*
- 16.** Letter. Thomas Wilson (Chudleigh) to James Watt (Soho). 8 Mar. 1794.  
*Docketed "Wheal Gons."*
- 17.** Letter. Thomas Wilson (Lifton) to James Watt (Soho). 12 Mar. 1794.  
*Docketed "His son George's death."*
- 18.** Letter. Thomas Wilson (Truro) to James Watt (Soho). 19 Mar. 1794.  
*Docketed "Poldice. Godolphin. Wheal Treasury. Hornblower. Copper. Wheal Butson."*
- 19.** Letter. Thomas Wilson (Truro) to James Watt (Soho). 24 Mar. 1794.  
*Docketed "Reply to Bull's affadavit. Carne's letter. Kevill's letter about Wheal Gons."*

- 20.** Letter. Thomas Wilson (Truro) to James Watt (Soho). 28 Mar. 1794.  
*Docketed "Bull's perjury. Conversation with Penrose about Retallack. Ditto with Richards about Wheal Treasury. Bank for payments in suspense. Copper."*
- 21.** Letter. Thomas Wilson (Truro) to A. & J. Weston (31 Fenchurch St., London). 2 Apr. 1794.  
*Docketed "Account of [?] engines. Letter to Mr. Beauchamp in 1792."*
- 22.** Letter. Thomas Wilson (Truro) to Boulton & Watt (Soho). 4 Apr. 1794.  
*Docketed "General account of transactions after the injunctions."*
- 23.** Letter. Thomas Wilson (Truro) to James Watt (6 Green Lettice Lane, London). 6 Apr. 1794.  
*Docketed "Recusants."*
- 24.** Letter. Thomas Wilson (Truro) to James Watt (6 Green Lettice Lane, London). 9 Apr. 1794. 2 sheets.  
*Docketed "Retallack and Hallamanin set to work against injunction. Ding Dong adventurers. Case of Hallamanin. Wheal Gons – Herland, Bull's. Our proposal made to Carne. Wheal Butson to remove to the Bog. Wallis' inflammatory letter. Sentiments of the county. Wherry engine."*
- 25.** Letter. Thomas Wilson (Truro) to James Watt (6 Green Lettice Lane, London). 11 Apr. 1794.  
*Docketed "Hallamanin. United Mines."*
- 26.** Letter. Thomas Wilson (Truro) to James Watt (6 Green Lettice Lane, London). 12 Apr. 1794.  
*Mis-dated as Mar. by Wilson.  
Docketed "About Hallamanin and recusants."*
- 27.** Letter. Thomas Wilson (Truro) to James Watt (Soho). 17 Apr. 1794.  
*Docketed "United Mines. Wheal Gons. Copper for Mr. Boulton."*
- 28.** Letter. Thomas Wilson (Truro) to James Watt (Soho). 21 Apr. 1794.  
*Docketed "Affadavit about Hallamanin breaking injunction. Wheal Gons. Poldice and Consolidated Mines."*
- 29.** Letter. Thomas Wilson (Truro) to James Watt (Soho). 21 Apr. 1794.  
*Docketed "Advertisement calling a meeting of the mining interests of Cornwall, dated 15 Apr."*
- 30.** Letter. Thomas Wilson (Truro) to James Watt (Soho). 25 Apr. 1794.  
*Docketed "Penrose's disparaging [?] assertions about Edwards. Facts about the serving of the injunction upon Bull. Meeting of the miners. United Mines, nothing done. Edwards to take the answer of Wheal Treasury tomorrow. Copper for Mr. Boulton."*
- 31.** Letter. Thomas Wilson (Truro) to James Watt (Soho). 26 Apr. 1794.  
*Docketed "Consolidated Mines refuse payments. Acknowledges Weston's letters and replies respecting the affidavits. Poldice have sent no answer."*
- 32.** Letter. Thomas Wilson (Truro) to James Watt (Soho). 2 May 1794.  
*Docketed "Beauchamp desirous of settling the dispute with United Mines. Kevill wishes to do the same at Wheal Gons. Gundry, Daniell and Jenkins. Bull's injunction. Copper."*
- 33.** Letter. Thomas Wilson (Truro) to James Watt (Soho). 6 May 1794.  
*Docketed "No accounts taken of Western engines. Weston's opinion on Wheal Treasury. Copper."*

- 34.** Letter. Thomas Wilson (Truro) to James Watt (Soho). 9 May 1794.  
*Docketed "Conversation with Tremayne. Ditto with Edwards, who says the parties subpoenaed will pay on suspense account. John denies any resolution to support Bull."*
- 35.** Letter. Thomas Wilson (Truro) to James Watt [Soho]. 12 May 1794.
- 36.** Letter. Thomas Wilson (Truro) to James Watt (Soho). 14 May 1794.  
*Docketed "About paying premiums on suspense account. Dr. Withering."*
- 37.** Letter. Thomas Wilson (Truro) to James Watt [Soho]. 15 May 1794.  
*Docketed "About Wheal Treasury and Wheal Ann adventurers."*
- 38.** Letter. Thomas Wilson (Truro) to James Watt (Soho). 21 May 1794.  
*Docketed "Answer of Wheal Trevascus adventurers to Mr. Richards. Meeting of Poldice, Unity and Consolidated Mines adventurers."*
- 39.** Letter. Thomas Wilson (Truro) to James Watt [Soho]. 26 May 1794.  
*Docketed "About moving the Western engine at Poldice."*
- 40.** Letter. Thomas Wilson (Truro) to Matthew Boulton (Soho). 9 Jun. 1794.  
*Docketed "Answered by J. Watt Jr. Poldice double engine. Daniell's conduct. Foxes at Wheal Ann etc."*
- 41.** Letter. Thomas Wilson (Truro) to Matthew Boulton (Soho). 13 Jun. 1794.  
*Docketed "Meeting of Poldice and Consolidated Mines. Premium at Poldice charged in the books only. Daniell's conduct at Consolidated Mines. Fox's proposals respecting Wheal Ann and Herland."*
- 42.** Letter. Thomas Wilson (Redruth) to Boulton & Watt (Soho). 26 Jun. 1794.  
*Docketed "Case of Hallamanin."*
- 43.** Letter. Thomas Wilson (Truro) to Boulton & Watt (Soho). 5 Jul. 1794.  
*Docketed "Sentiments of the Cornish people upon the argument being put off in Common Pleas."*
- 44a.** Letter. Thomas Wilson (Truro) to Boulton & Watt (Soho). 11 Jul. 1794.  
*Kept with (b) below. Docketed "Tremayne's offer to pay if indemnified against action. Prevalence of his example. Case of Consolidated Mines. Poldice's refusal owing to Mr. Daniell."*
- b.** Transcript of extract of letter. Thomas Wilson (Truro) to A. & J. Weston [31 Fenchurch St.]. 11 Jul. 1794.
- 45.** Letter. Thomas Wilson (Truro) to Boulton & Watt (Soho). 14 Jul. 1794.  
*Docketed "Observations on injunctions as relative to premiums. Undecided respecting Crenver, United Mines and Consolidated Mines. Kevill's payment of Cook's Kitchen premium and refusal to execute the deed. Charges in the books at Wheal Gons and Wheal Crenver of Boulton & Watt's premiums. Expects a refusal of our ores at Consolidated Mines. Bull's report of argument in Common Pleas. Hewas engine set to work."*
- 46.** Letter. Thomas Wilson (Truro) to Boulton & Watt (Soho). 17 Jul. 1794.  
*Docketed "Conversation with Carne about Herland. State of Wheal Gons and North Downs. Poldice engine to be removed. Bad state of the mines in general."*
- 47.** Letter. Thomas Wilson (Truro) to Boulton & Watt (Soho). 22 Jul. 1794.  
*Docketed "Poldice meeting. Vivian's refusal to pay. Tremayne's refusal to pay without indemnity bond. Mines likely to refuse their ores."*
- 48.** Letter. Thomas Wilson (Truro) to Boulton & Watt (Soho). 26 Jul. 1794.  
*Docketed "Consolidated Mines, case of double engine. North Downs payments."*

- 49.** Letter. Thomas Wilson (Truro) to Boulton & Watt (Soho). 30 Jul. 1794.  
*Docketed "Herland adventurers. Hallamanin. Neath engine. Varley."*
- 50.** Letter. Thomas Wilson (Truro) to Boulton & Watt (Soho). 4 Aug. 1794.  
*Docketed "Quarterly accounts and bill for £255.8.3."*
- 51.** Letter. Thomas Wilson (Okehampton) to Boulton & Watt (Soho). 13 Aug. 1794.  
*Docketed "Tremayne's approbation of the indemnity agreement. Daniell's swearing. Ores from Consolidated Mines. Poldice to make double the Western engine. Messrs. Fenton and Townend."*
- 52.** Letter. Thomas Wilson (London) to James Watt (Soho). 18 Aug. 1794.  
*Docketed "Will be at Birmingham in a few days."*
- 53.** Letter. Thomas Wilson (New Passage) to James Watt (Soho). 13 Sep. 1794.  
*Docketed "William Murdock setting the Neath engine to rights – supposes the fault to lie in the stacks. Smith & Morris' engine. Hallamanin."*
- 54.** Letter. Thomas Wilson (Truro) to James Watt Jr. (Soho). 29 Sep. 1794.  
*Docketed "General history and accounts of engines in Cornwall. Neath engine set to work. Neath Abbey works."*
- 55.** Letter. Thomas Wilson (Truro) to James Watt (Soho). 4 Oct. 1794.  
*Docketed "Tremayne and others willing to account for premiums in Poldice and Consolidated Mines without indemnity. Daniell's opinion of our patent and reasons for refusing payment. Harris' threats. Herland. Hallamanin. Poldice tin. Copper sold to Williams."*
- 56.** Letter. Thomas Wilson (Truro) to James Watt (Soho). 12 Oct. 1794.  
*Docketed "Hallamanin. Herland. Cook's Kitchen. Mr. Kevill. Manganese."*
- 57.** Letter. Thomas Wilson (Truro) to James Watt (Soho). 16 Oct. 1794.  
*Docketed "Daniell's refusal to agree to consolidate Poldice. Produce of ores at Wheal Virgin. Tremayne and others anxious to agree with us."*
- 58.** Letter. Thomas Wilson (Truro) to James Watt Jr. (Soho). 25 Oct. 1794.  
*Docketed "Resolution of Hallamanin adventurers. Simcox and others to pay. Resolution to support Poldice. New engine wanted at Poldice. ¾ of adventurers in Consolidated Mines and Poldice agree to pay us."*
- 59.** Letter. Thomas Wilson (Truro) to Boulton & Watt (Soho). 27 Oct. 1794.  
*Docketed "2 bills for £187.6 from Hallamanin [?] on account of the Birmingham [?]. Question whether an abatement shall be allowed to Poldice."*
- 60.** Letter. Thomas Wilson (Truro) to James Watt (Soho). 9 Nov. 1794.  
*Docketed "Opinion upon settlements. Jonathan Hornblower's new scheme. Herland. White metal at Hayle."*
- 61.** Letter. Thomas Wilson (Truro) to James Watt (Soho). 13 Nov. 1794.  
*Docketed "Resolution to erect a double 66 inch upon Poldice. William Murdock's scheme. Castings to be had from the Neath Company."*
- 62.** Letter. Thomas Wilson (Truro) to James Watt Jr. (Soho). 25 Nov. 1794.  
*Docketed "Foxes satisfied with form of receipt. Danger attending our proposal at Poldice."*
- 63.** Letter. Thomas Wilson (Truro) to James Watt Jr. (Soho). 2 Dec. 1794.  
*Docketed "Poldice – danger attending our proposals. St. Agnes about to erect an engine. Bull's chagrin."*



- 64.** Letter. Thomas Wilson (Truro) to James Watt Jr. (Soho). 10 Dec. 1794.  
*Docketed "Covering statement of accounts and bill for £250. Estimate of difference of cost between two engines – single and double. Danger of our insisting upon an agreement at Poldice. Consolidated Mines' intention to apply for an order to stop the delivery of the ores. Application for payment to sundry mines deferred. William Murdock debited 6 guineas – queré!"*
- 65.** Letter. Thomas Wilson (Truro) to James Watt Jr. (Soho). 11 Dec. 1794.  
*Docketed "Poldice meeting and resolution to erect one of our engines confirmed. Ineffectual exertions of our friends to get our demands settled. Tremayne and others refuse to pay upon receipt sent. Copying machine. Tin upon commission."*
- 66.** Letter. Thomas Wilson (Truro) to James Watt Jr. (Soho). 13 Dec. 1794.  
*Docketed "Consolidated Mines intend stopping the ores. Gullet and Hornblower's invention."*
- 67.** Letter. Thomas Wilson (Truro) to Boulton & Watt (Soho). 19 Dec. 1794.  
*Docketed "Delivery of our answer relative to Poldice to Fox & Co. Statement of ores and premium at Consolidated Mines. Payments for himself and Wilkinson."*
- 68.** Letter. Thomas Wilson (Truro) to Boulton & Watt (Soho). 27 Dec. 1794.  
*Docketed "Tremayne's sentiments upon our proposal to Poldice. Daniell's refusal to comply."*

**3/355 Thomas Wilson, 1795 (72 items)**

- 1.** Bundle wrapper.  
*Marked "Mr. Wilson 1795."*
- 2.** Letter. Thomas Wilson (Truro) to Boulton & Watt (Soho). 2 Jan. 1795.  
*Mis-dated as 1794 by Wilson.  
Docketed "Poldice threaten to employ Bull and to build a double engine. Daniell's intention to make us refund."*
- 3.** Letter. Thomas Wilson (Truro) to James Watt Jr. (Soho). 6 Jan. 1795.  
*On the same sheet:  
Invoice of 12 blocks of tin shipped for Boulton & Watt. 5 Jan. 1795.  
Docketed "Invoice of 12 blocks of tin for account of Mr. George Thomas. Bills for £240.  
Sentiments on our proceedings at Poldice. Copper accounts. Steam engine not fixtures."*
- 4.** Letter. Thomas Wilson (Truro) to James Watt Jr. (6 Green Lettice Lane, London, London). 9 Jan. 1795.  
*Docketed "Alarm at Poldice. Tremayne's letter to Wilson and proposal to lodge the premium in a bank. Murdock to take no part."*
- 5.** Letter. Thomas Wilson (Truro) to Boulton & Watt (Soho). 10 Jan. 1795.  
*Docketed "Tremayne's letter offering to lodge the Poldice premium in a bank. Wilson's letter to Capt. Williams and subsequent proceedings."*
- 6.** Letter. Thomas Wilson (Truro) to Boulton & Watt (Soho). 11 Jan. 1795.  
*Docketed "Engine at Neath. Bull's partnership. Hallamanin."*
- 7.** Letter. Thomas Wilson (Truro) to James Watt Jr. (6 Green Lettice Lane, London). 15 Jan. 1795.  
*Docketed "Resolution of Poldice to employ Bull to erect a double 66 inch cylinder. To withhold the ores. William Murdock's wish to have Poldice. Opinion of Bull's lawyers upon refunding."*
- 8.** Letter. Thomas Wilson (Truro) to Boulton & Watt (Soho). 15 Jan. 1795.  
*On the same sheet:  
Memorandum. Resolutions made at a meeting of Poldice Adventurers. 15 Jan. 1795.  
Docketed "Poldice resolutions. Wilson and Wilkinson's costs to be paid. Murdock's wish to leave Poldice."*

- 9.** Letter. Thomas Wilson (Truro) to Boulton & Watt (6 Green Lettice Lane, London).  
25 Jan. 1795.  
*Docketed "Observations on Poldice. Conversation with Mr. Vivian. Sales of copper. Advances to Mr. Wilson to pay his costs."*
- 10.** Letter. Thomas Wilson (Truro) to Boulton & Watt (6 Green Lettice Lane, London).  
31 Jan. 1795.  
*Docketed "Bill for £1507.12.11 and of £60. Arrangement of copper sales. Tremayne's opinion upon Poldice resolutions, Fox's ditto."*
- 11.** Letter. Thomas Wilson (Truro) to Boulton & Watt (6 Green Lettice Lane, London).  
6 Feb. 1795.  
*Docketed "Sentiments upon the special agreement. Letter from Bull to Daniell. Stoppage of ores at Poldice. Delivery of our letter of the 13<sup>th</sup> Jan. to the purser of Poldice Mine."*
- 12.** Letter. Thomas Wilson (Truro) to Boulton & Watt (6 Green Lettice Lane, London).  
7 Feb. 1795.  
*Docketed "Receipt of copy of our letter of the 4<sup>th</sup> inst. to Poldice adventurers and effects likely to be produced by it. Fox's application for an abatement."*
- 13.** Letter. Thomas Wilson (Truro) to Boulton & Watt (6 Green Lettice Lane, London).  
10 Feb. 1795.  
*Docketed "Receipt of our letter to Poldice adventurers. Grylls' opinion of Adair's argument."*
- 14.** Letter. Thomas Wilson (Truro) to Boulton & Watt (6 Green Lettice Lane, London).  
13 Feb. 1795.  
*Docketed "Copper. Drafts on Williams."*
- 15.** Letter. Thomas Wilson (Truro) to Boulton & Watt (6 Green Lettice Lane, London).  
20 Feb. 1795.  
*Docketed "Meeting of Poldice adventurers and resolution to send no answer to our letter. Notice given of our throwing up our share. Wilson offers to continue his on our account. Adventurers' opinion of injunctions. Bull's disappointment and chagrin of his friends. Casting ordered by Bull."*
- 16.** Letter. Thomas Wilson (Truro) to Boulton & Watt (6 Green Lettice Lane, London).  
28 Feb. 1795.  
*Docketed "Notice given to Poldice adventurers of our relinquishing our share. Doubts upon the legality. Wilson's drafts on Mrs. Matthews. Grylls' despondency."*
- 17.** Letter. Thomas Wilson (Truro) to Boulton & Watt (6 Green Lettice Lane, London).  
7 Mar. 1795.  
*Re-directed to Boulton & Watt at Soho.*  
*Docketed "Paying of Mr. Wilkinson's and his own costs at Poldice. Purser writes to inform the adventurers that Bull had ordered the castings at Coalbrookdale. Money due for costs and savings. Bull sets out the engine house."*
- 18.** Letter. Thomas Wilson (Truro) to Boulton & Watt (Soho). 12 Mar. 1795.  
*Docketed "Meeting of Poldice adventurers. No resolution adopted about our shares. Opinion of the lawyers about them. Carne's offer on behalf of Ding Dong."*
- 19.** Letter. Thomas Wilson (Truro) to Boulton & Watt (Soho). 17 Mar. 1795.  
*Docketed "Enquires about an iron founder and porter brewer."*
- 20.** Letter. Thomas Wilson (Truro) to Boulton & Watt (Soho). 24 Mar. 1795.  
*Docketed "Sentiments upon a compromise with Bull. Riot among the tanners."*

- 21.** Letter. Thomas Wilson (Truro) to Matthew Boulton (Soho). 27 Mar. 1795.  
*Docketed "White or Pot metal. Meeting of Bull and friends to consider Weston's letter to Mr. Short. Tinners' riot. Tin."*
- 22.** Letter. Thomas Wilson (Truro) to Boulton & Watt (Soho). 27 Mar. 1795.  
*Docketed "Conversation with Mr. Richards about the compromise with Bull. Wilson's sentiments thereon."*
- 23.** Letter. Thomas Wilson (Truro) to Boulton & Watt (Soho). 13 Apr. 1795.  
*Docketed "Weston's letter to Short. John Wilkinson's letter. North Downs."*
- 24.** Letter. Thomas Wilson (Truro) to Boulton & Watt (Soho). 18 Apr. 1795.  
*Docketed "North Downs order for a double 52 inch cylinder. Murdock's plan."*
- 25.** Letter. Thomas Wilson (Truro) to Boulton & Watt (6 Green Lettice Lane, London). 28 Apr. 1795.  
*Docketed "North Downs. Bull etc. John Wilkinson."*
- 26.** Letter. Thomas Wilson (Truro) to James Watt (6 Green Lettice Lane, London). 10 May 1795.  
*Docketed "Fox's letter stating the loss at Polgooth. Sentiments thereon."*
- 27.** Letter. Thomas Wilson (Truro) to James Watt (6 Green Lettice Lane, London). 11 May 1795.  
*Docketed "Account of modified premiums which we have offered to accept of."*
- 28.** Letter. Thomas Wilson (Truro) to Boulton & Watt (6 Green Lettice Lane, London). 15 May 1795.  
*Docketed "Advice of his coming to Town."*
- 29.** Letter. Thomas Wilson (6 Green Lettice Lane, London) to James Watt [6 Green Lettice Lane, London]. "3 o'clock" [26 May 1795].  
*Docketed "Conversation with Vivian and Daniell about Poldice."*
- 30.** Letter. William Wilson (Truro) to Boulton & Watt (Soho). 12 Jun. 1795.  
*Docketed "Poldice adventurers resolve that we shall not give up our shares. Tremayne's sentiments. Conduct of Bull's friends."*
- 31.** Letter. Thomas Wilson (Truro) to Boulton & Watt (Soho). 16 Jun. 1795.  
*Docketed "About procuring affidavits against Bull in the Ding Dong affair."*
- 32.** Letter. Thomas Wilson (Truro) to Boulton & Watt (Soho). 21 Jun. 1795.  
*Docketed "About procuring affidavits from Murdock and Simon Vivian as to Trevithick being an agent of Bull. Consolidated Mines. Bull's impudent assertions at the Poldice meeting. Fox's letter respecting Herland."*
- 33.** Letter. William Wilson (Truro) to Boulton & Watt (Soho).  
"Wednesday night" [24 Jun. 1795].  
*Docketed "Return of Murdock and Rogers from the West. Alarm at Ding Dong."*
- 34.** Letter. Thomas Wilson (Truro) to Boulton & Watt (Soho). 26 Jun. 1795.  
*Docketed "Injunction to be served on Ding Dong. Bill for £13.0.6."*
- 35.** Letter. Thomas Wilson (Truro) to Boulton & Watt (Soho). 27 Jun. 1795.  
*On the same sheet:*  
Transcript of letter. William Carne (Penzance) to Thomas Wilson. 26 Jun. 1795.  
Transcript of letter. Thomas Wilson to William Carne [Penzance]. 27 Jun. 1795.  
*Docketed "Carne's letter about Ding Dong and Wilson's answer. Daniell's opinion of the Chancellor upon his granting the Poldice injunction."*

- 36.** Letter. Thomas Wilson (Truro) to Boulton & Watt (Soho). 29 Jun. 1795.  
*Docketed "Godfrey's cunning. Herland interceded for by Wilson."*
- 37.** Letter. Thomas Wilson (Truro) to Boulton & Watt (Soho). 30 Jun. 1795.  
*Docketed "Counts of perjury in Bull's answer. Stoppage of Ding Dong. Daniell and Martyn's opinion of the Poldice injunction."*
- 38.** Letter. Thomas Wilson (Truro) to Boulton & Watt (Soho). 2 Jul. 1795.  
*Docketed "About procuring affidavits against Bull."*
- 39.** Letter. Thomas Wilson (Truro) to Boulton & Watt (Soho). 5 Jul. 1795.  
*Docketed "Method of proceeding against Poldice. Herland. Ding Ding injunction. Hornblower's new vaunts. John Wilkinson."*
- 40.** Letter. Thomas Wilson (Truro) to Boulton & Watt (Soho). 5 Jul. 1795.  
*Docketed "About Daniell and Fox's assertions. Affidavits to be procured from Murdock and his son William. To leave Cornwall the 25<sup>th</sup> and bring his son Tom to Soho."*
- 41.** Letter. Thomas Wilson [Truro] to Boulton & Watt (Soho). 11 Jul. 1795.  
*On the same sheet:*  
Memorandum. Edward Rogers' report of the Trial at Wheal Unity begun 9<sup>th</sup> July 1795.  
*Docketed "Trial at Wheal Union. Bull's wrath against Murdock. Affidavits. Remittance of £160 for Cornish Metal Company."*
- 42.** Letter. Thomas Wilson (Truro) to Boulton & Watt (Soho). 12 Jul. 1795. 2 sheets.  
*On the second sheet:*  
Transcript of letter. Thomas Wilson (Truro) to William Carne. 12 Jul. 1795.  
Transcript of letter. William Carne (Penzance) to Thomas Wilson. 10 Jul. 1795.  
Memorandum. Addition to William Murdock's former affidavit.  
*Docketed "About Murdock's affidavit. Difficulty of proving Bull's perjury. Bull's indignation at being served with notice. Murdock employed by Consolidated Mines to remove single engine. Carne's letter about Herland and Wilson's answer. Addition to Murdock's affidavit."*
- 43.** Memorandum. Reasons for believing that Bull is supported in his defence against Boulton & Watt by a Confederacy of the Adventurers in the Cornish Mines.  
*Sent by Wilson to Boulton & Watt at Soho. Docketed as 13 Jul. 1795.*
- 44.** Letter. Thomas Wilson (Truro) to Boulton & Watt (Soho). 15 Jul. 1795.  
*Docketed "Richard Mitchell's letter. Appointment with Carne. Wheal Unity."*
- 45.** Letter. Thomas Wilson (Truro) to Boulton & Watt (Soho). 16 Jul. 1795.  
*Docketed "2<sup>nd</sup> trial at Wheal Unity. Simon Vivian threatened by Trevithick. Daniell's abuse to Edwards."*
- 46.** Letter. Thomas Wilson (Truro) to Boulton & Watt (Soho). 18 Jul. 1795.  
*Docketed "T. Mitchell's letter to Poldice with prices of castings at Coalbrookdale. Inspection of the books at Herland. Simon Vivian's distress. Invitation of the enemy. Hornblower's third trial."*
- 47.** Letter. Thomas Wilson (Truro) to Boulton & Watt (Soho). 22 Jul. 1795.  
*Docketed "More affidavits wanted. Godfrey to go to Neath. Simon Vivian's debt. Hornblower's ill success. Conversation with Mr. Vivian about a compromise. About taking Mr. Williams' share in Poldice."*

- 48.** Letter. Thomas Wilson (Truro) to Boulton & Watt (Soho). 24 Jul. 1795.  
*On the same sheet:*  
Transcripts of proposed affidavit for Peter Godfrey.  
Transcript of James Freeman & Joseph Corin's affidavit.  
*Docketed "Freeman and Corin's affidavits. Affidavit proposed for Godfrey. Simon Vivian discharged from Crenver. Godfrey's conversation with Bull. Simon Vivian's departure from Cornwall. Daniell relents. Conversation with Vivian about Poldice."*
- 49.** Letter. William Wilson (Truro) to Boulton & Watt (Soho). 28 Jul. 1795.  
*On the same sheet:*  
Memorandum. Resolutions passed at a meeting of the Poldice Adventurers. 28 Jul. 1795.  
*Docketed "Resolutions of Poldice meeting to stop Bull's engine and pay our demands. Present engines to be worked so long as they pay costs and then Oppie's engine only to be continued. Davey wants Oppie's engine to be converted into one of Hornblower's. Poldice double 24 inch to be sold to Wheal Garland adventurers."*
- 50.** Letter. Thomas Wilson (Birch Grove) to James Watt Jr. (Soho). 30 Jul. 1795.  
*Docketed "E. Rogers meets Bull and Trevithick at Poldice. About Williams' share in Poldice."*
- 51.** Letter. William Wilson (Truro) to Boulton & Watt (Soho). 31 Jul. 1795.  
*Docketed "Riot against Murdock and John Landor."*
- 52a.** Letter. Thomas Wilson (Swansea) to Boulton & Watt (Soho). 1 Aug. 1795.  
*Enclosing (b) below.*  
*Docketed "Letters from and to Carne. Consolidated Mines and Poldice. Riots at Poldice."*
- b.** Transcripts. 2 transcripts on the same sheet, as follows:  
Letter. William Carne (Penzance) to Thomas Wilson [Truro]. 28 Jul. 1795.  
Letter. Thomas Wilson [Swansea] to William Carne [Penzance]. 1 Aug. 1795.
- 53.** Letter. Thomas Wilson (Birch Grove) to Boulton & Watt (Soho). 2 Aug. 1795.  
*On the same sheet:*  
Transcript of letter. Thomas Wilson (Birch Grove) to Mr. Daniell. 2 Aug. 1795.  
Transcript of letter. Thomas Wilson (Birch Grove) to John Williams. 2 Aug. 1795.  
*Docketed "Letters to Daniell and John Williams upon Poldice and Wheal Garland. Riots in Cornwall."*
- 54.** Letter. Thomas Wilson (Birch Grove) to Boulton & Watt (Soho). 7 Aug. 1795.  
*Docketed "Consolidated Mines."*
- 55.** Letter. Thomas Wilson (London) to Boulton & Watt (Soho). 19 Aug. 1795.  
*Docketed "India sales. Meeting with R. W. Fox. Daniell's contrition."*
- 56.** Letter. Thomas Wilson (London) to Boulton & Watt (Soho). 21 Aug. 1795.  
*Docketed "Conversation with Weston upon the measures to be adopted."*
- 57.** Letter. Thomas Wilson (Bristol) to Boulton & Watt (Soho). 24 Aug. 1795.  
*Docketed "Bayley & Co. Reports in Cornwall."*
- 58.** Letter. Thomas Wilson (Truro) to Boulton & Watt (Soho). 29 Aug. 1795.  
*Docketed "Arrival in Cornwall. Reports about Poldice and Herland."*
- 59.** Letter. Thomas Wilson (Truro) to Boulton & Watt (Soho). 4 Sep. 1795.  
*Docketed "Proposed payment at Poldice. Account of stopping the engine there. Proposal for Herland. Carne's offer for Ding Dong."*
- 60.** Letter. Thomas Wilson (Truro) to Boulton & Watt (Soho). 7 Sep. 1795.  
*Docketed "Poldice engines not to be set to work again. Simon Vivian – money advanced him. Wheal Gons. Poldice cost."*

- 61.** Letter. Thomas Wilson (Truro) to James Watt Jr. (Soho). 10 Sep. 1795.  
*Docketed "Daniell's relapse and refusal to pay at Poldice. Vivian's sentiments thereon."*
- 62.** Letter. Thomas Wilson (Truro) to James Watt Jr. (Soho). 11 Sep. 1795.  
*Docketed "Vivian's advice to apply to the Vice-Warden's Court to force payment from Poldice. Daniell's conduct explained."*
- 63.** Letter. Thomas Wilson (Truro) to James Watt Jr. (Soho). 18 Sep. 1795.  
*Docketed "Edwards' opinion of the Vice-Warden's Court. Bad prospect of the mines. Murdock's despondency, Wilson's ditto."*
- 64.** Letter. Thomas Wilson (Truro) to James Watt Jr. (Soho). 3 Oct. 1795.  
*Docketed "Cause of Wilson's low spirits. Bailiff's difficulty to serve injunctions. Ding Dong adventurers want to evade interrogatories."*
- 65.** Letter. Thomas Wilson (Penzance) to Boulton & Watt (Soho). 5 Oct. 1795.  
*Docketed "Ding Dong mine. Bog mine. Peter Godfrey. Trevithick Junior."*
- 66.** Letter. Thomas Wilson (Truro) to Boulton & Watt (Soho). 11 Oct. 1795.  
*Docketed "Bull's new invented engine."*
- 67.** Letter. Thomas Wilson (Truro) to James Watt Jr. (Soho). 23 Oct. 1795.  
*Docketed "William Murdock to set off. Cornish reports etc."*
- 68.** Letter. Thomas Wilson (Truro) to James Watt Jr. (Soho). 26 Oct. 1795.  
*Docketed "Settlement with Polgooth and Hewas. Proposals to Ding Dong adventurers. Remittance of £351 of which £126 from Cook's Kitchen."*
- 69.** Letter. Thomas Wilson (Truro) to Boulton & Watt (Soho). 13 Nov. 1795.  
*Docketed "Veale the prosecutor. Ding Dong adventurers taking down their engine. Obstinacy of all the recusant mines."*
- 70.** Letter. Thomas Wilson (Truro) to Boulton & Watt (Soho). 22 Nov. 1795.  
*Docketed "Trevithick not served. Herland adventurers agree to our terms. Mr. Thomas' tin."*
- 71.** Letter. Thomas Wilson (Truro) to Boulton & Watt (Soho). 11 Dec. 1795.  
*Docketed "Wheal Ramoth adventurers offer for Wheal Butson engine."*
- 72.** Letter. Thomas Wilson (Truro) to Boulton & Watt (Soho). 29 Dec. 1795.  
*Docketed "Wants abatement for Wheal Ramoth adventurers. Wheal Fortune. Trestrial's purchase of one of Hornblower's engines."*