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3/15 Letters to James Watt, 1791 (9 items)

1. Letter. Matthew Boulton (London) to James Watt (Soho). 10 Jan. 1791.
Docketed "A.M." Summarised "Concerning the bad state of the Albion Mill affairs. Boulton considers it a wreck. Meets Smeaton at the George & Vulture with Rennie. Re. Droz and his attorney."
2. Letter. Matthew Boulton (Soho) to James Watt (—). 21 Mar. 1791.
Summarised "Concerning the Albion Mill and other small matters."
3. Letter. Matthew Boulton (Soho) to James Watt (6 Green Lettice Lane, London).
23 Mar. 1791.
Docketed "Albion Mill. Commotion among Soho men and resolutions thereon."
4. Letter. Matthew Boulton (Soho) to James Watt (6 Green Lettice Lane, London).
24 Mar. 1791.
Docketed "Fire in the cutting out shop." Summarised "Concerning Soho workmen, and the fire in the cutting out room. Thinks the Albion Mill was a national object and is entitled to a national enquiry."
5. Letter. Matthew Boulton (Soho) to James Watt (—). 26 Mar. 1791. 2 sheets.
Docketed "A.M. Townend & Co. Lawson, rolling mill etc." Summarised "Concerning the Albion Mill affairs. Intends to have a fire extinguishing pump. Also about the Cornish mines and copper business. The coinage and Lawson."
6. Letter. Matthew Boulton (Soho) to James Watt (—). 29 Mar 1791. Incomplete.
*Half the sheet has been cut away.
Docketed "Lord H^r Townend and Wilson." Summarised "Lord H. interests himself in the Albion Mill affair. Re. the taking of copper shares."*
7. Letter. Matthew Boulton (London) to James Watt (—). 7 Jun. 1791.
Summarised "Short account about some business with France."
8. Letter. Matthew Boulton (London) to James Watt (Soho). 9 Jun. 1791.
Docketed "A.M." Summarised "Concerning the Albion Mill affairs."
9. Letter. Matthew Boulton (London) to James Watt (Soho). 13 Jun. 1791.
Docketed "Charles Gardiner. A.M. Coining engine." Summarised "Concerning the Albion Mill. Will buy their engine for Torres. About sending materials abroad. He is losing a fine opportunity in steel buttons, owing to the extent of his machinery."

3/16 Letters to James Watt, 1792 (7 items)
(no correspondence found for 1793)

1. Letter. Matthew Boulton (London) to James Watt (Soho). 8 Oct. 1792.
Docketed "His arrival and conversation with Mr. de Luc." Summarised "Concerning the French and English disputes. Boulton ill. Hornblower is about to take out a patent – Boulton will be watchful."

2. Letter. Matthew Boulton (London) to James Watt (Soho). 9 Oct. 1792.
Summarised "Boulton's remarks upon the new invention of the Hornblowers. Thinks Argand could be employed to watch as he is not known in Cornwall."
3. Letter. Matthew Boulton (London) to James Watt (Soho). 10 Oct. 1792.
Summarised "Boulton will search the patent records, to see if the Hornblowers have entered a new patent. Concerning Argand and Simpson."
4. Letter. Matthew Boulton (London) to James Watt (Soho). 13 Oct. 1792.
Summarised "Concerning the London Water Works. Models wanted of Newcomen's, Watt's and Bull's engines and remarks thereon. Boulton with Argand and an Italian [Galvani? Sees an experiment on frogs – Hazleton misunderstood the letter and summarised it as "...and a Frenchman and dines on frogs.]. Boulton is again ill. Sutton & Bowen's engine. Smeaton ill."
5. Letter. Matthew Boulton (London) to James Watt (Soho). 14 Oct. 1792.
Summarised "Mr. Weston to be arrested at Shrewsbury. Remarks upon the manufacture of the models."
6. Letter. Matthew Boulton (—) to James Watt (Soho). 15 Oct. 1792.
Summarised "Boulton requires pomatum for Mr. Spencer's engine. Wheel Unity adventurers desire a trial of Wheel Butson engine."
7. Letter. Matthew Boulton (London) to James Watt (Soho). 20 Oct. 1792.
Summarised "Concerning the points to prepare ready for a trial [against Bull]."

3/17 Letters to James Watt, 1794

(17 items)

1. Letter. Matthew Boulton (Soho) to James Watt (at Mr. Matthews', London). 27 Jan. 1794.
Summarised "Concerning the quantity of letters to answer. Watt to answer Mr. Jones' letter. Boulton requires tin."
2. Letter. Matthew Boulton (Soho) to James Watt (London). 2 Feb. 1794.
Summarised "Boulton receives Watt's letters and will remain at Soho a few more days, till he has better health."
3. Letter. Matthew Boulton (Soho) to James Watt (6 Green Lettice Lane, London).
9 Feb. 1794.
Docketed "Disasters at Soho." Summarised "Fire at Soho Manufactory. Boulton in very bad health. Valuing of Boulton's land. Malcolm Logan goes to Spain."
4. Letter. Matthew Boulton (Soho) to James Watt (—). 9 Apr. 1794.
On the same sheet:
Letter. James Watt Jr. (—) to James Watt (—). 10 Apr. 1794.
Docketed "Hallamanin etc." Summarised "Letter from James Watt Jr. to his father. Concerning the Cornish mine Hallamanin. Concerning Bull and Judge Buller. Boulton's back bad."
5. Letter. Matthew Boulton (Soho) to James Watt (—). 3 May 1794.
*Docketed "Empowering me to treat for certain parcels of land."
Summarised "Desires me to consider the purchasing of land around the Soho Manufactory, with Boulton's remarks thereon." [Part of the summary is now missing, but the text was transcribed from an old photostat copy of the letter.]*
6. Letter. Thomas Lane (Handsworth) to James Watt (—). "Sunday Morning" [4 May 1794].
*Docketed by Watt as 5 May.
Docketed "About Mr. Boulton's purchase." Summarised "Concerning plots of ground left out of the valuation. Mr. Lane desires Watt to consider the matter, and how it can be inserted."*

7. Letter. Matthew Boulton (London) to James Watt (Heathfield). 12 May 1794.
Docketed "About the purchase of [land around] Soho."
8. Letter. Matthew Boulton (London) to James Watt (Heathfield). 14 May 1794.
Docketed "About the purchase of [land at] Soho. Marquis of Stafford's fears of sedition. Duke of York's glorious victory unassisted by Clairfait. Firing of the Tower guns. Cornish bankers."
9. Letter. Matthew Boulton (London) to James Watt (Heathfield). 15 May 1794.
*Docketed "About the argument in the Common Pleas. Chevalier Pisani. Rumsey."
Summarised "About the argument in the Common Pleas (Bull's case). Chevalier Pisani brings an engineer from Italy to be instructed in the erection of engines. Concerning Rumsey and the steam boat."*
10. Letter. Matthew Boulton (London) to James Watt (Heathfield). 20 May 1794.
Docketed "About Soho purchase." Summarised "Concerning the purchasing of land around the Soho Manufactory. Other land declined. Speaks of Watt's daughter Jessy, and a conversation with Watt's son."
11. Letter. Matthew Boulton (London) to James Watt (Heathfield). 20 May 1794.
*About the purchase of land around Soho.
This second letter of 20 May was transcribed by James Watt Jr., as Matthew Boulton blotted the original – see the above letter of 20 May.*
12. Letter. Matthew Boulton (London) to James Watt (—). 22 May 1794.
*Docketed "About the argument in the Common Pleas."
Hazleton added "Also Watt's son and Mr. Lane and the Soho premises."*
13. Letter. Matthew Boulton (London) to James Watt (Heathfield). 24 May 1794.
*On the same sheet:
Transcript of memorandum. Mr. Lane's valuation of allotments and cottages.
Docketed "About the purchase of Soho."*
14. Letter. Matthew Boulton (—) to James Watt (—). "Saturday Evening" [24 May 1794].
Docketed "Notice of hearing in Common Pleas."
15. Letter. Matthew Boulton (London) to James Watt (—). 25 May 1794.
Docketed "About the argument in the Common Pleas." Hazleton has added "Bull."
16. Letter. Matthew Boulton (London) to James Watt (—). 26 May 1794.
Docketed "About the argument in the Common Pleas. General consultation and argument put off. Bull's martial appearance."
17. Letter. Matthew Boulton (London) to James Watt (Heathfield). 28 May 1794.
Docketed "About the argument in the Common Pleas. Again put off. Morris of Swansea." Hazleton has added "requires an engine. Mentions Dr. Beddoes and Withering" and "Bull".

3/18 Letters to James Watt Junior, 1795

(5 items)

All the letters are docketed by James Watt Jr.

1. Letter. Matthew Boulton (Soho) to James Watt Jr. (—). 18 Jan. 1795.
Summarised "Boulton's letter to James Watt Jr. concerning Bull's case, and his intended visit to London."
2. Letter. Matthew Boulton (London) to James Watt Jr. (Soho). 18 May 1795.
Docketed "Daniel, Vivian, Wilson, Foxes in London. Pressure of business. J. Watt Jr. to repair to London forthwith. Buttons, trees etc. Edghill's copying machine."

3. Letter. Matthew Boulton (London) to James Watt Jr. (Soho). 11 Jun. 1795.
Docketed "Boring mills. Purchase of Kennedy's land. Kùchler." Summarised "Concerning boring machine. The purchase of land. Re. Mr. Kùchler and the dies."

4. Letter. Matthew Boulton (London) to James Watt Jr. (Soho). 12 Jun. 1795.
Docketed "Kennedy's land. William Wilkinson."

5. Letter. Matthew Boulton (Soho) to James Watt Jr. (at William Wilkinson's, The Court near Wrexham). 20 Sep. 1795.
Re-directed to James Watt Jr. at Soho. Summarised "Concerning the price of castings, and the manner in which they are rated. A great quantity of bricks purchased. To consider the Foundry."

3/19 Letters to James Watt, James Watt Junior, M R Boulton, 1796 (12 items)

M. R. Boulton and Watt Jr. docketed these letters with Matthew Boulton's name and the date of the letter. At a later date Gregory Watt added summaries of the contents once the letters had been brought together to form a bundle. The only exceptions are the final two letters from Boulton to Watt Jr., which Watt Jr. summarised himself.

1. Letter. Matthew Boulton (London) to James Watt (Heathfield). 22 Mar. 1796.
Forwarded to M. R. Boulton.
Docketed "Letter from Eckhardt. Hornblower and gilt chariot." Summarised "Boulton in company of Eckhardt concerning the trial, bill will be now carried to the Lords. Eckhardt says Hornblower called at his lodging in a fine gilt chariot."

2. Letter. Matthew Boulton (Soho) to M. R. Boulton (at Thomas Jones', Manchester). 12 May 1796.
Docketed "On Thackeray and an application of Mr. James Mort." Summarised "Concerning the erection of several engines by Bateman. Re. Thackeray. Mr. J. Mort, 8 Tib Street, Manchester, informs us he is erecting a pirate engine."

3. Letter. Matthew Boulton (Soho) to M. R. Boulton (at Thomas Jones', Manchester). 13 May 1796.
On the same sheet:
Transcript of affidavit of Jos. Thackeray and Richard Bradley, sworn before William Eccles, Manchester, 5 May 1796.
Docketed "Mentions 10 affidavits made by the Hornblowers and co. and containing a copy of an affidavit of Thackeray's." Summarised "Concerning Hornblower's, Maberley, Thackeray and Bradley."

4. Letter. Matthew Boulton (Soho) to M. R. Boulton (at Thomas Jones', Manchester). 14 May 1796.
Docketed "Mentions letter from Garshaw Wetherall & Co. Queries to be made concerning Thackeray's engine. Letter from Daniel Burton & Son." Summarised "Concerning Thackeray's engine. Mr. Burton & Son, Manchester send word that they have nearly erected one of Bateman & Sherratt's engines."

5. Letter. Matthew Boulton (Soho) to M. R. Boulton (at Thomas Jones', Manchester). 25 May 1796.
Docketed "Delays in Chancery. John Wilkinson. Gilpin. Mort." Summarised "Concerning pirate engines. Mentions moulders for Soho Foundry."

6. Letter. Matthew Boulton (Soho) to M. R. Boulton (Manchester). 2 Jun. 1796.
Docketed "Agreement with Thackeray." Summarised "Settles peaceably with Thackeray. Mr. Boulton Jr. to visit the wharf and see what castings are there. I suspect Wilkinson is exporting our engines."

7. Letter. Matthew Boulton (—) to M. R. Boulton (at Thomas Jones', Manchester). "Friday Morning" [3 Jun. 1796].

Docketed "Agreement with Thackeray." Summarised "Thackeray visits Soho. Boulton's remarks thereon to his son."

8. Letter. Matthew Boulton (Soho) to M. R. Boulton (at Thomas Jones', Manchester). 7 Jun. 1796.

Docketed "Letter from Mr. Lambton enclosing one from Mr. Featherstonhaugh." Summarised "Thackeray's alteration in his engine and his return to the air pump and condenser. John Boness' shop has been robbed. Conversation with Mr. Lambton upon the Newcastle pirates."

9. Letter. Matthew Boulton (Soho) to M. R. Boulton (Manchester). 20 Jun. 1796.

Docketed "Mentions letters from Mr. Weston. Castings at the Foundry. Order of engine by Mr. Johnson." Summarised "Boulton's bad leg. A new nozzle in one piece has been cast at the Foundry. Concerning workmen for the Foundry. Mr. Lutwich orders a 4 horse power engine for Charles Johnson at Hides Cross, Manchester. Boulton acts as umpire in a water course dispute near Walsall. Re. Dr. Garnet."

10. Letter. Matthew Boulton (Soho) to James Watt Jr. (at Mrs. Matthews', London). 28 Nov. 1796.

Docketed "List of jury. Wilson. Southern. Murdock. Hateley's Bristol engine. Work to be done by 84 lbs. of Newcastle coals." Summarised "Remarks to J. Watt Jr. concerning the intended trial. Boulton and Murdock will come to London in Boulton's easy chaise, as Murdock's back is not firm. The Bristol people are erecting pirate engine. Remarks upon the duty performed by Boulton & Watt engines."

11. Letter. Matthew Boulton (Soho) to James Watt Jr. (13 London St.). 1 Dec. 1796.

Docketed "With copy of letter to John Wilkinson (see letter book)." Summarised "Boulton and Murdock will set out for London. Commence boring a cylinder at Soho Foundry. Mentions Brymbo. Remarks upon the witnesses for the intended trial."

12. Letter. Matthew Boulton (Soho) to James Watt Jr. (13 London St.). 2 Dec. 1796.

Docketed "With copy of our first letter to Hornblower and Maberley." Summarised "Mr. Smalley journeys to London, as a witness. Boring goes on well."

**3/20 Letters to James Watt, 1797
(no correspondence found for 1798)**

(5 items)

1. Letter. Matthew Boulton (London) to James Watt (Soho). 6 Mar. 1797.

This letter was forwarded to M. R. Boulton.

Docketed "Arrival in London. Treasurer. Proposes buying £2000 of dollars as the nominal value at which they were to be issued was less than their value as bullion."

2. Letter. Matthew Boulton (London) to James Watt (Heathfield). 7 Mar. 1797.

This letter was forwarded to M. R. Boulton.

Docketed "Encloses guinea note. Coinage."

3. Letter. Matthew Boulton (13 London St.) to James Watt (Heathfield). 10 Mar. 1797.

Mis-dated by Matthew Boulton as 1796.

Docketed "Scheme of a copper coinage abandoned by ministry. Confusion at the Bank. Scarcity of dollars and small notes."

4. Letter. Matthew Boulton (London) to James Watt (Heathfield). 13 May 1797.

The letter was forwarded to M. R. Boulton.

Docketed "Conversation of the Chief Justice with Mrs. Vere. Sargeant Adair recommends delay. New motion of Le Blanc."

5a. Letter. Matthew Boulton (London) to James Watt (Heathfield). 27 May 1797.
Enclosing (b) below. Summarised "Boulton will not return until he has 'the King's warrant to empower him to coin.' Enclosed is a note from Aimé Argand. The Borough Water Works engine works well, the mains not large enough. Visits Meux's brewery, and remarks thereon, chiefly about Maberley."

b. Note. Aimé Argand to Boulton & Watt.
Introducing Mr. Maurice of Geneva, who has discovered a method of concentrating wine with Mr. Montgolfier.

3/21 Letters to James Watt, James Watt Junior, M R Boulton, 1799 (8 items)

1. Letter. Matthew Boulton (Soho) to James Watt (13 London St.). 5 Jan. 1799.
Docketed "Cold weather. Foundry Poor Rates. Proceedings in King's Bench."

2. Letter. Matthew Boulton (Soho) to James Watt Jr. (13 London St.). 22 Jan. 1799.
Docketed "Excuses himself for not attending upon the next Argument. Quandary about Poor Rates. Application to Parliament."

3. Letter. Matthew Boulton (Soho) to James Watt (13 London St.). 24 Jan. 1799.
Docketed "Ill health and Poor Rates."

4. Letter. Matthew Boulton (Soho) to James Watt (13 London St.). 6 Feb. 1799.
*Docketed "Loan to Dr. Withering. Donation to A. W. [Ambrose Weston]."
Hazleton has added "Removal of the coining presses to the new Mint. Also other remarks upon coinage."*

5. Letter. Matthew Boulton (Soho) to James Watt (13 London St.). 10 Feb. 1799.
Docketed "Respecting the new question in Chancery."

6. Letter. Matthew Boulton (Soho) to James Watt (13 London St.). 17 Feb. 1799.
Is very busy – asks James Watt for as much time as possible before he has to come to London. Remarks on going before Parliament. Fears T. Williams will be against them.

7. Letter. Matthew Boulton (London) to James Watt (Heathfield). 18 Mar. 1799.
Docketed "Proposes returning here – state of his health. Observations on income tax."

8. Letter. Matthew Boulton (—) to M. R. Boulton (Soho). 1 Nov. 1799.
Docketed "Wishing Mr. Lockwood to be furnished with an estimate of a double 57 inch. The Chancellor and other state officers whose signatures witness to his warrant not returned to Town. Portrait and character of Sueverrow". Hazleton has added "not like Boulton's medal."

3/22 Miscellaneous Letters and Papers, 1783 to 1790s (11 items)

1. Letter (draft). Matthew Boulton (Chacewater) to Matthew Wills "of Hellston." 3 Feb. 1783.
Proposals for an engine. The first page of the letter is taken up with calculations.

2. Part of a draft of a paper on Watt's engine. Not dated.
The page begins "Fourthly — I [i.e. Watt] intend in many cases to employ the expansive force of steam..." This page was found among letters of 1784.

3. Memorandum concerning problems with the Coalbrookdale Co.'s engine.
Not dated [circa 1785].

4. Letter. Matthew Boulton (—) to James Watt [?]. Not dated [1780s?].
*The middle of the sheet is missing.
Docketed by Watt "Mr. Boulton's new tables of effects of engines." [Details of the performance of various Cornish engines. Written from the Chacewater ticketing.]*

5. Letter (draft). Matthew Boulton (—) to “G. Mason” (—). Not dated [1780s?].
Docketed “I think but am not sure that this was wrote to Gilbert Mason.” [Gilbert Meason of Wanlockhead?]
- 6a. Memorandum. Agreement to dissolve the Birmingham Metal Warehouse. 18 Sep. 1790.
Kept with (b) and (c) below.
In Matthew Boulton’s hand. Signed by Boulton, Watt and John Hurd.
- b. Memorandum. Minutes of Special General Meeting of the Birmingham Metal Company.
“Hotel,” 26 Oct. 1785.
Docketed “Minutes – meeting of Brass Company.”
- c. Printed memorandum. Proprietors of the Birmingham Metal Company. Not dated.
7. Letter (draft). Boulton & Watt (London) to the partners of Pasqual Mensa y March. 4 Jan. 1791.
In Matthew Boulton’s hand.
8. Memorandum. Facts and Calculations on the Rodstoke [Radstock] engine. Not dated.
Docketed “Radstock calculations.”
On the same sheet:
A Comparative View of the effects of one bushel of coal in different engines in raising water to equal heights.
9. Draft. Paper on Jonathan Hornblower’s engine at Tincroft. Not dated [incomplete?].
10. Memorandum. Letters to write. Not dated.
List of people to write to including various Lords, business correspondents etc.
11. Memorandum. Note of various patents [?].

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3/23 Letters to Matthew Boulton, 1777 (17 items)

1. Letter. James Watt (Bedworth) to Matthew Boulton (—). 28 Feb. 1777.
2. Letter. James Watt (Birmingham) to Matthew Boulton (6 Green Lettice Lane, London). 14 Apr. 1777.
3. Letter. James Watt (Birmingham) to Matthew Boulton (6 Green Lettice Lane, London). 16 Apr. 1777.
Watt completed this letter on 17 Apr.
4. Letter. James Watt (Birmingham) to Matthew Boulton (6 Green Lettice Lane, London). 17 Apr. 1777.
5. Letter. James Watt (—) to Matthew Boulton (6 Green Lettice Lane, London). 20 Apr. 1777.
Summarised “Mentions the Bedworth and Bloomfield engines. Boulton to get proper information for French patent.”
6. Letter. James Watt (Birmingham) to Matthew Boulton (6 Green Lettice Lane, London). 21 Apr. 1777.
7. Letter. James Watt (—) to Matthew Boulton (6 Green Lettice Lane, London). 26 Apr. 1777.
Summarised “Soho better than ever was since the Creation. Tormented with headaches. Henderson to call about Tingtang piston rod.”
8. Letter. James Watt (Birmingham) to Matthew Boulton (6 Green Lettice Lane, London). 28 Apr. 1777.

9. Letter. James Watt (Birmingham) to Matthew Boulton (6 Green Lettice Lane, London).
4 May 1777.

On the same sheet:

Estimate for a new fire engine for Chelsea Water Works.

10. Letter. James Watt (Birmingham) to Matthew Boulton (6 Green Lettice Lane, London).
6 May 1777.

Summarised "Stand to your tackling with these damned committees." Mentions John Scott, Chelsea, Richmond and Salmon's engine. The Birmingham Navigation Co. have thrown over the reservoir scheme for the two engines."

11. Letter. James Watt (Birmingham) to Matthew Boulton (6 Green Lettice Lane, London).
9 May 1777.

Boulton used the outside of the sheet for notes on the performance of the Chelsea engine, 11 May.

Letter. James Watt (Birmingham) to Matthew Boulton (6 Green Lettice Lane, London).
10 May 1777.

This letter was removed from this bundle by George Tangye and presented to the American Institute of Mechanical Engineers in 1910. For photographs of the letter see the Samuel Timmins albums.

12. Letter. James Watt (Birmingham) to Matthew Boulton (6 Green Lettice Lane, London). 14
May 1777.

13. Letter. James Watt (Birmingham) to Matthew Boulton (6 Green Lettice Lane, London).
15 May 1777.

14. Letter. James Watt (—) to Matthew Boulton (—). 16 May 1777.

15. Letter. James Watt (—) to Matthew Boulton (6 Green Lettice Lane, London).
18 May 1777.

16. Letter. James Watt (Birmingham) to Matthew Boulton (6 Green Lettice Lane, London).
20 May 1777.

17. Letter. James Watt (Chacewater) to Matthew Boulton (Soho). 30 Aug. 1777.

3/24 Letters to James Watt Junior, 1795 (32 items)

1. Letter. James Watt (Heathfield) to James Watt Jr. (6 Green Lettice Lane, London).
9 Jan. 1795.

Docketed "Mr. T. Parker, Drake St., Red Lion Square. Letter from Mr. Wilson with remittance etc." Summarised "Concerning Mr. Parker and his visit, Watt presumes about pneumatic apparatus. The letter from Wilson with remittance from Cornish Metal Co., says houses are fixtures but not engines. Good ground to proceed against Consolidated Mines."

2. Letter. James Watt (Heathfield) to James Watt Jr. (6 Green Lettice Lane, London).
12 Jan. 1795.

Docketed "Mentions his intention of consulting Mr. Boulton on letter to Poldice and on retaining Mr. Mansfield."

3. Letter. James Watt (Heathfield) to James Watt Jr. (6 Green Lettice Lane, London).
13 Jan. 1795.

Docketed "Mr. Mansfield being retained or not to be referred to Mr. Weston. Poldice and Consolidated Mines. Hope Mr. Weston ready for argument in Common Pleas."

- 4.** Letter. James Watt (Heathfield) to James Watt Jr. (6 Green Lettice Lane, London).
15 Jan. 1795.
Docketed "On the mis-recital of the Act. Willingness that the argument come on. Mr. Weston to be guided by his own prudence in regard to the other actions. Wishes James and M. R. Boulton to return home previous to the argument."
Summarised "Watt's remarks upon his specification. Has written Dr. Beddoes."
- 5.** Letter. James Watt (Birmingham) to James Watt Jr. (6 Green Lettice Lane, London).
19 Jan. 1795.
Docketed "Resolutions of Poldice. Bad state of his health." *Summarised* "Watt is prepared for the worst in Common Pleas. Concerning Poldice, remarks upon Bull's proceedings. Gives account of his illness and about his proposed journey to London."
- 6.** Letter. James Watt (Heathfield) to James Watt Jr. (6 Green Lettice Lane, London).
21 Jan. 1795.
Docketed "Intention of coming to London. Wilson's tribulation. Mr. Parker and the floating scheme." *Summarised* "Watt intends visiting London. Wilson wishes to borrow money. Mr. Parker and the floating scheme – Watt says it has been tried by us 20 years ago, being an invention of Henderson's."
- 7.** Letter. James Watt (Heathfield) to James Watt Jr. (6 Green Lettice Lane, London).
22 Jan. 1795.
Docketed "Directions for procuring lodgings. Papers dispatched by the Mail coach."
Summarised "Concerning lodgings for Watt and his wife and servant in London. Names the servants."
- 8.** Letter. James Watt (London) to James Watt Jr. (—). 30 Apr. 1795.
Docketed "Safe arrival in Town. Mr. Anstruther. New River Head piston rods etc. found."
Summarised "Watt arrives in London. Visits several persons, to converse with them concerning the intended trial. Mentions the New River Head Water Works piston rod and buckets."
- 9.** Letter. James Watt [London] to James Watt Jr. (Soho). 1 May 1795.
Docketed "Whitbread's nozzles. Wilson's letter concerning the Foxes. John Wilkinson and his own journey to London. Ramsden. Buller's resuscitation. Mrs. Matthews and the L. C."
Summarised "Remarks on the nozzles for Mr. Whitbread. Concerning the prices of castings from the different firms. North Downs require their engine to be built upon the plan suggested by Murdock. They will absolve us of all blame, if it goes wrong."
- 10.** Letter. James Watt (London) to James Watt Jr. (Soho). 4 May 1795.
Docketed "New form of agreement must be adhered to. Boring to be considered on. Parker's hints respecting Chancery. The uses of his machine. Sergeant Adair. Opinions of the judges." *Summarised* "Copying press received, remarks thereon. Remarks upon agreements. The boring he will consider. Remarks upon the trial with Bull."
- 11.** Letter. James Watt (London) to James Watt Jr. (Soho). 7 May 1795.
Docketed "Mr. Smith wanting a man to erect his engine. No law intelligence."
Summarised "Concerning McGrigor's illness (Mrs. Watt's father I presume). Mr. Smith wishes to send Murdock's relation to erect his engine. Watt desires one of the Soho men to erect it."
- 12.** Letter. James Watt (London) to James Watt Jr. (Soho). 8 May 1795.
Docketed "£991 received from Tate & Co. Mr. & Mrs. Cochrane. Mr. Weston on Brockliss' acceptance." *Summarised* "William Tate & Co. send £991. Concerning the visit to Birmingham of Watt's cousin Mr. Cochrane, who, with 3 sisters, are all the relatives Watt has by his father's side. Mrs. Watt distressed about her father."
- 13.** Letter. James Watt (London) to James Watt Jr. [Soho]. 9 May 1795.
Summarised "Remarks upon the premiums due from several customers. North Downs air pump to be of brass."

- 14.** Letter. James Watt (London) to James Watt Jr. (Soho). 12 May 1795.
Docketed "Rennie's man Murdock. Letter from Gardner. Boring machines. Boilers crust with salt water not rust – remedy. Price of lead. Foxes. Buller. Ramsden. Mr. Hudson wants an engine." Summarised "Remarks upon the corrosion and encrustation of boilers. Murdock's relative to erect Smith's engine. Mentions Gardner, Brockliss and the Foxes of Cornwall. Hudson, distiller, Battersea requires an engine."
- 15.** Letter. James Watt (London) to James Watt Jr. (Soho). 13 May 1795.
Docketed "Copies of Gardner & Manse's letters sent with this. Decision put off. Supposed reasons for it." Summarised "Gardner & Manse backward in their payments, interest on the delay to be calculated. To face them. Concerning the decision of the Court. Remarks upon the Heathfield garden for his servant John."
- 16.** Letter. James Watt (London) to James Watt Jr. (Soho). 14 May 1795.
Docketed "Lead to remain at Hull. Letter from Jefferies and Cameron on their patent. Mr. and Mrs. Cochrane. Sir John Dalrymple." Summarised "Boulton with the King taking orders for a medal. Remarks upon the crank. Watt saw one at work about 1760. Remarks upon the engines for raising coal or ore and concerning infringements. Southern to look the matter up."
- 17.** Letter. James Watt (London) to James Watt Jr. (Soho). 15 May 1795.
Mis-dated as Apr. by Watt.
Docketed "Decision to be tomorrow. Lord Chief Justice and Buller's animosities. Does not understand the charcoal rotting the cloth. Hornblower's letters. Price and wharfage of lead. Cameron's patent, letter to Jefferies." Summarised "The judges have hot words, hopes they will not ruin us. The Foxes will not pay. Concerning spontaneous inflammation. Re. Mr. Hornblower. Concerning the winding engine. Boulton fully employed with his medals and the ladies. Remarks upon the boring machine."
- 18.** Letter. James Watt (London) to James Watt Jr. (Soho). 16 May 1795.
Docketed "Remarks on the speeches of the judges. North Downs nozzles to be prepared."
- 19.** Letter. James Watt (London) to James Watt Jr. (Soho). 18 May 1795.
Docketed "Mrs. Vere's conversations with the Lord Chief. Copying machine for Edgehill." Summarised "Mrs. Vere's remarks to the Chief Justice and his answers, concerning the trial. Copying press for present of Edgehill the judge's nephew. Watt's cousins with him."
- 20.** Letter. James Watt (London) to James Watt Jr. (Soho). 19 May 1795.
Docketed "Walker Fishwick & Co. want an engine. Daniel, Vivian and two Foxes in Town. Wishes James Watt Jr. and M. R. Boulton to hasten to Town. State of law affairs."
- 21.** Letter. James Watt [London] to James Watt Jr. (Soho). 2 Jun. 1795.
Docketed "Hall's offer to sell Boulton & Watt his engine. Conversation with Fishwick [- orders 16 horse engine]. Letter from Lawson. Drawing of Bull's Poldice engine from Murdock."
- 22.** Letter. James Watt (London) to James Watt Jr. (Soho). 6 Jun. 1795.
Docketed "Copying machine to Mr. Court. Evaporator. Mr. Fishwick's order. Oiled silk. Law business. Gardner & Co.'s remittance." Summarised "Mr. Court, Trinity House, London to have a copying machine. Concerning the evaporator. Mentions Dr. Gulsch, Mr. Dudgeon and Mr. Fishwick. Bought oiled silk. Going to Croydon. Bills filed – United Mines, Consolidated Mines and Ding Dong."
- 23.** Letter. James Watt (London) to James Watt Jr. (Soho). 9 Jun. 1795.
Docketed "James Law Jr.'s stupidity. G. Taylor's obstinacy. Method to proceed with Sir H. Liddel. Birmingham little engine. Directions to Glover." Summarised "Concerning workmen. Sir H. Liddel's engine. Some contrivance ought to be put up to grind cylinders at a less expense than by hand. The Birmingham little engine (canal I presume). Remarks to Glover upon the new out-buildings at Heathfield."

- 24.** Letter. James Watt (London) to James Watt Jr. (Soho). 11 Jun. 1795.
Docketed "The land to stand till his return. Proceedings against Dumbell. Injunction against Ding Dong. Attachment against Trevithick." Summarised "Concerning the purchasing of land (presumably for Soho Foundry). Injunction obtained to stop Ding Dong. Trusts we shall be able to bring up from Cornwall to the Fleet Trevithick and Bull."
- 25.** Letter. James Watt (London) to James Watt Jr. (Soho). 13 Jun. 1795.
Docketed "Cylinder to be cast for Wetherall's. A letter to Marshall & Benyons from the Westons. To Mr. Southern on smoking engines not being prosecuted. Remarks on Murdock's drawings of the engine." Summarised "Mentions Dr. Beddoes, Wetherall's, Marshall & Benyons, and Westons. Concerning the smoking of chimneys, in answer to Southern. Murdock's drawing will do, but Watt 'very much dislikes the cylinder being over the shaft.' Is going to Croydon."
- 26.** Letter. James Watt (Keswick) to James Watt Jr. (Soho). 2 Sep. 1795.
*Docketed "Occurrences at Manchester and on the road to Keswick."
Summarised "Concerning the pneumatic apparatus. Arrival at Kendal. Watt gives the fossilology of the place. Mentions Rennie, Dr. Percival, Dr. Ferriar, Mr. Henry and Mr. Lee and engine."*
- 27.** Letter. James Watt (Wemyss Bay) to James Watt Jr. (Soho). 6 Sep. 1795.
Docketed "Indifferent state of the engines at Workington. Mr. Southern's journey there may be beneficial." Summarised "Watt arrives at Wemyss Bay. Visits Mr. Hamilton. Had not much satisfaction in his call at Workington, most of the engines being in very indifferent order. Thinks a visit by Southern may be useful."
- 28.** Letter. James Watt (Wemyss Bay) to James Watt Jr. (Soho). 11 Sep. 1795.
*Docketed "On purchases proper to be made at Bersham. Pneumatic medicines etc."
Summarised "Concerning foundries, and the buying of machines at the sale. Remarks upon the using of the pneumatic apparatus. Watt gives account of [?] and the fossilology of the place."*
- 29.** Letter. James Watt (Wemyss Bay) to James Watt Jr. (Soho). 13 Sep. 1795.
*Docketed "Proceedings to be followed towards Cornwall."
Summarised "Concerning Cornish mines and money matters, giving the amounts they will have to pay, as their evasions are frustrated."*
- 30.** Letter. James Watt (Glasgow) to James Watt Jr. (Soho). 17 Sep. 1795.
Docketed "Account of Carron." Summarised "Watt proposes taking shares in the Carron Iron Works. Will visit the works, to gain information for the Smethwick Foundry. Has seen a Foundry at Greenock about 40 x 50 feet. Gives details of the pains in his breast."
- 31.** Letter. James Watt (Glasgow) to James Watt Jr. (Soho). 28 Sep. 1795.
*Docketed "Remarks on plan of Soho Foundry. John Wilkinson. Murdock etc."
Summarised "The Highland journey put off. Remarks upon the plan of the intended new foundry (Soho Foundry). Sorry Wilkinson is ruining himself. Grieved Murdock is leaving Cornwall, will see they day when they repent their proceedings. Concerning the buying of cylinders and Coalbrookdale."*
- 32.** Letter. James Watt (Glasgow) to James Watt Jr. (Soho). 9 Oct. 1795.
*With label attached marked "All these letters are from J. Watt to his son James 1795."
Docketed "John Wilkinson. Mr. F.'s offer. Proposes returning home." Summarised "Chiefly concerning debts of John Wilkinson and others."*

- 1.** Letter. James Watt (Heathfield) to James Watt Jr. (13 London St.). 5 Jan. 1796.
Mis-dated as 5 Dec. by Watt.
Docketed "On the danger of making too free with injunctions and on the conduct to be pursued towards Peareth." Summarised "Not to make too free with injunctions. The engines may by this time be altered which will make it difficult to proceed. Not to proceed against small pirates. "We did not attack Symington because his invasion was not so clear and because his engines were bad ones and very expensive"."
- 2.** Letter. James Watt (Soho) to James Watt Jr. (13 London St.). 18 Jan. 1796.
Docketed "Wishes James Watt Jr. to return to Soho previous to going on his journey." Summarised "Watt Jr. to return to Soho before taking his intended journey. 'It gives us satisfaction that the injunctions have been so readily granted' – we must make them effectual."
- 3.** Letter. James Watt (Soho) to James Watt Jr. (at Thomas Barnes', Walker Colliery Office, Newcastle). 3 Feb. 1796.
Docketed "Approves of conduct with respect to Peareth. Letter from Dawson. Elwell's attorney. Hints respecting information to be gained at Newcastle." Summarised "Our business to stop encroachments, not to proceed against and make enemies. Elwell has not been a partner in the Bowling works for years. Watt's remarks upon information he requires from the district of Newcastle upon Tyne."
- 4.** Letter. James Watt (Soho) to James Watt Jr. (Messrs. Wormald Fountain & Gott, Leeds). 9 Feb. 1796.
Docketed "Proceedings against Sturges and Paley. Letter to Wilson respecting Daniel. Dayus' explanation of Fenner & Flint's engine." Summarised "Don't like proceeding against Sturges. Paley should be served immediately. Not to converse with Leeds pirates. Concerning Daniel and the Cornish mine. Mylne has a fresh list of pirates. Fenner & Flint wish us to examine their engine."
- 5.** Letter. James Watt (Soho) to James Watt Jr. (13 London St.). 12 May 1796.
Docketed "Bateman & Thackeray. Albion Mill. Letter from Wilson." Summarised "Essential to bring Albion Mill to a close. Concerning Poldice proposals. Simpson & Barton remit £230. Mentions his son Gregory, and Mrs. Matthews and Beechey. To bring few pounds copal and bruised amber."
- 6.** Letter. James Watt (Soho) to James Watt Jr. (13 London St.). 14 May 1796.
Docketed "Bramah's engine. Thoughts on a new trial." Summarised "Sketch of Bramah's engine, and mentions other infringements. Hornblower Watt will state in his affidavit. The thoughts of a new trial are like thoughts of death. Concerning Maberley."
- 7.** Letter. James Watt (Soho) to James Watt Jr. [13 London St.]. 16 May 1796.
Docketed "Solicitation to correspond with monthly magazine." Summarised "Gregory Watt's return to Soho. Peggy brought to bed of a boy. Letter from Johnsons, St. Paul's Churchyard, soliciting accounts of engines and copying machines etc. for the monthly magazine."
- 8.** Letter. James Watt (Soho) to James Watt Jr. (13 London St.). 17 May 1796.
Docketed "Mentions Southern's ill success with Thorneycroft. Letters from Barnes, Fawcett, Rothwell, Marshall & Benyon and Wilson." Summarised "Mentions letters from several persons. Southern did not succeed in getting Thorneycroft to come yesterday. Rothwell wants a corn mill engine."
- 9.** Letter. James Watt (Soho) to James Watt Jr. (13 London St.). 19 May 1796.
Docketed "Brown's affidavit. Rosin for rendering the piston air tight. Bromley's treachery."
- 10.** Letter. James Watt (Soho) to James Watt Jr. (13 London St.). 23 May 1796.
Docketed "Encloses letter from Mr. Wilkinson and answer thereto. Thackeray. Elopement of Tom Bromley and his trunks." Summarised "Tom Bromley has proved too many for us, he has got away his boxes and we apprehend drawing of your lathe. Concerning Thackeray and other slight law matters."

- 11.** Letter. James Watt (Soho) to James Watt Jr. (13 London St.). 25 May 1796.
Docketed "Remittance of £500 from Hawkes & Co., £90 from John Lees. Bateman and Thackeray." Summarised "Pirates seem panic-struck. Bateman and Thackeray's engine is undergoing alteration. M. R. Boulton sends £90 from John Lees, and we have £500 from Hawkes & Co. Trusts Watt Jr.'s letter will prove salutary."
- 12.** Letter. James Watt (Soho) to James Watt Jr. (13 London St.). 26 May 1796.
Docketed "Thackeray's duplicity." Summarised "Thackeray comes with a pitiful tale. Pleading ignorance and on being told he had sworn otherwise, said that was his attorney's doing. About the Cark engine."
- 13.** Letter. James Watt (Soho) to James Watt Jr. (13 London St.). 27 May 1796.
Docketed "Objection to treating with Stockdale. Law trunk. Archibald Ward in treaty for Dennison's engine. Lambton." Summarised "Concerning Hornblower and Mr. Lambton. Mr. Dennison's engine. Messrs. Walker & Maltby. Stockdale's engine."
- 14a.** Letter. James Watt (Soho) to James Watt Jr. (13 London St.). 30 May 1796.
With (b) below attached. Docketed "Submission of Bateman's customers. Thackeray's obstinacy. Letter to William Wilkinson concerning treating with Stockdale. Bramah's paragraph enclosed."
- b.** Cutting from *The Times*, 30 Jun. 1795.
Concerning Rowntree's engine constructed on the principle of Bramah's patent balloon engine.
- 15.** Letter. James Watt (Soho) to James Watt Jr. (London). 1 Jun. 1796.
Docketed "Mentions letter from Daniel Burton & Son wishing to capitulate. Letter from John Cuthebertson. On the adjustment of premiums." Summarised "Concerning the premiums to be charged for small pirate engines. To go on less expensively at the Foundry. About John Cuthebertson and his brother's correspondence from Rotterdam. Re. Mr. Stockdale. Daniel Burton & Son offering to capitulate."
- 16.** Letter. James Watt (Soho) to James Watt Jr. (13 London St.). 2 Jun. 1796.
Docketed "Stockdale's arrival at Birmingham. Conference with him. Thackeray present after him and letter." Summarised "Concerning a steam wheel. William Wilkinson and Stockdale at Soho. About their infringement by using Roe's and Thackeray's engine, remarks thereon. Watt would like to be rid of infringements and end his life in peace."
- 17.** Letter. James Watt (Soho) to James Watt Jr. (13 London St.). 3 Jun. 1796.
Docketed "Thackeray's entire submission. Letters from Wilson. Thackeray's information concerning Sutcliff's conspiracy." Summarised "Concerning the submission of pirates, and Watt's remarks thereon. The Yorkshire people are collecting subscriptions to petition Parliament to buy us out, if so we shall be gentlemen at large."
- 18.** Letter. James Watt (Heathfield) to James Watt Jr. (13 London St.). 5 Jun. 1796.
Docketed "Doubts Maberley will not submit. Professor Jardine. Peter Ewart's account of Thackeray and Bateman's proceedings." Summarised "Maberley's submission doubtful. He is the tool of Hornblower and adherents. Professor Jardine willing to take oath that Dr. Roebuck was not the inventor of the improvement. Thackeray's proceedings insane. Fenner & Flint's engine."

19. Letter. James Watt (Soho) to James Watt Jr. (care of James Miller, St. Andrew's Square, Glasgow). 15 Jun. 1796.

On the same sheet:

Transcript of letter. John Goodchild (Pallion, near Sunderland) to James Watt Jr. [Soho]. 8 Jun. 1796.

Docketed "Copy of letter from Goodchild. Directs James Watt Jr. to call upon him on his return home." Summarised "Concerning Hornblower's engine for Mr. John Nesham, and his submission. Weston has summoned Meux & Co. to appear before him. Mr. Pickernell's enquiry for a dredging engine (for Sunderland Harbour I presume)."

20. Letter. James Watt (Heathfield) to James Watt Jr. (care of James Miller, St. Andrew's Square, Glasgow). 16 Jun. 1796.

Docketed "Continuation of injunction against Maberley. New trial granted. Nesham's executors." Summarised "Watt considers a trial with Maberley must quickly come about, owing to his obstinacy. John Price to go to Nesham's engine."

21. Letter. James Watt (Soho) to James Watt Jr. (care of Wormald & Co., Leeds). 23 Jun. 1796.

Docketed "Preparations to be made for a new trial. Soho Foundry." Summarised "Concerning Mr. Miller and children. Must prepare for a vigorous defence in Common Pleas. Engineers to be secured to prevent them joining the enemies. Boulton with crutches. A small double nozzle cast at Soho Foundry."

22. Letter. James Watt (Soho) to James Watt Jr. (care of Wormald & Co., Leeds). 24 Jun. 1796.

On the same sheet:

Transcript of letter. Fenner & Flint (Canterbury) to A. & J. Weston. 21 Jun. 1796.

Docketed "Copy of letter from Fenner & Flint. Thoughts on it. Preparations for trial." Summarised "Expects Muirhead. Watt's remarks upon the intended Hornblower & Maberley trial."

23. Letter. James Watt (Soho) to James Watt Jr. (care of Wormald Fountain & Gott, Leeds). 27 Jun. 1798.

Docketed "Albion Mill business. Leeds etc." Summarised "Concerning Mr. Miller and children. Mr. and Mrs. Muirhead at Heathfield. Concerning the sale of the Albion Mills and £8000 debt for roofing timber."

24. Letter. James Watt (18 Circus, Bath) to James Watt Jr. (Soho). 11 Jul. 1796.

Docketed "Sturges & Co. Peareth. Dr. Ewart etc. etc." Summarised "Watt at Bath. To send Dr. Ewart a pneumatic apparatus. Pleas'd his son has returned to Soho. With Muirhead. The Duke of York at Bath. Does not wish to meet Peareth."

25. Letter. James Watt (18 Circus, Bath) to James Watt Jr. (Soho). 14 Jul. 1796.

Mis-docketed as 14 Jun. by Watt Jr. On the same sheet:

Letter. Ann Watt [Bath] to James Watt Jr. 14 Jul. 1796.

Docketed "Albion Mill. Maberley. Weston. John Wilkinson. Thackeray. Cornwall. Foundry." Summarised "Speaks of Cochrane's death. The Albion Mill and Sir J. Call. Maberley. Trevithick to be made a friend. Drawn deeply on the bank. Mentions the Soho Foundry. Mr. and Mrs. Muirhead and Miss Campbell mentioned."

26. Letter. James Watt (Bath) to James Watt Jr. (Soho). 17 Jul. 1796.

Docketed "On Foundry law etc. Proposes leaving Bath." Summarised "Watt very sad at the death of his esteemed relation Mr. Cochrane. Interesting remarks of caution to his son, concerning Soho Foundry."

27. Letter. James Watt (Bath) to James Watt Jr. (Soho). 22 Jul. 1796.

Docketed "Maberley and Hornblower. Return home." Summarised "Setting out for Bristol. The Prince of Wales at Bath. Watt buys two landscapes from a friend of his son's. Thinks Maberley should be convinced what a scoundrel Hornblower is. Return to Soho. Miss Campbell mentioned."

- 28.** Letter. James Watt (Soho) to James Watt Jr. (Truro). 7 Sep. 1796.
Docketed "General advice how to proceed with the Cornish people." Summarised "Remarks upon the Trevithicks' character. Remarks upon Maberley and Cornish matters. Mentions Murdock, Bull and several Captains."
- 29.** Letter. "Boulton & Watt" [Soho] to "Boulton & Watt Juniors" [Truro]. 8 Sep. 1796.
On the same sheet:
 Letter. Thomas Wilson (Heathfield) to "Boulton & Watt Juniors". 8 Sep. 1796.
In James Watt's hand.
Docketed "Advice how to proceed in Cornwall." Summarised "Advising what persons to consult with, and those not, especially Trevithick who will betray them."
- 30.** Letter. James Watt (Soho) to James Watt Jr. [Truro]. 10 Sep. 1796.
Docketed "Weston's sentiments upon the meeting with Maberley. Fishwick's remittance. Mr. Keir wants an engine, Mr. Leeming ditto. William Wilkinson offers more of his brothers' men." Summarised "The performance of the Mint fire place. Mentions several engines wanted. Remarks upon the law suit and other Soho information."
- 31.** Letter. James Watt (Soho) to James Watt Jr. [Truro]. 14 Sep. 1796.
On the same sheet:
 Letter. Matthew Boulton [Soho] to "Boulton & Watt Juniors". 14 Sep. 1796.
Docketed "Maberley's new proposals. G. Gilpin's visit to Soho etc. etc." Summarised "From J. W. respecting Maberley's proposals for payment on engines erected by them. From M. B. concerning Gilpin's son and other local information. To scramble through the last 3½ years of patent."
- 32.** Letter. James Watt (Soho) to James Watt Jr. (care of Thomas Wilson, Truro). 15 Sep. 1796.
Docketed "Upon Maberley's proposals. Upon Cornish affairs." Summarised "Concerning the Cornish pirates. Interesting remarks of Watt's about Cornish mine engines."
- 33.** Letter. James Watt (Soho) to James Watt Jr. (Thomas Wilson's, Truro). 21 Sep. 1796.
Docketed "Mentions letter to Maberley. Mrs. Matthews' cash account. Wyatt's demands. Doubts of young Trevithick." Summarised "Will not be able to make any good of young Trevithick. Demands upon us for cash. Soho Foundry building expenses to be curtailed. Will soon leave for Scotland."
- 34.** Letter. James Watt (Soho) to James Watt Jr. (care of Thomas Wilson, Truro). 25 Sep. 1796.
Re-directed to Watt Jr. at Soho. Docketed "About concessions to Maberley. Scarcity of money." Summarised "Remarks upon Maberley. The Bread Co. propose to pay £900. John Price and Knuckey have both been running into arrears. Reynolds has got some new engine schemer and Sadler the pastry cook."
- 35.** Letter. James Watt (Lancaster) to James Watt Jr. (Soho). "Friday" [28 Oct. 1796].
Docketed "Safe arrival at Lancaster." Summarised "Gives the place to find his keys."
- 36.** Letter. James Watt (Glasgow) to James Watt Jr. (Soho). 1 Nov. 1796.
Docketed "Arrival at Glasgow. Mr. Patrick Wilson excuses himself from attendance at the trial. Professor Robison expresses his willingness to attend." Summarised "Mr. Patrick Wilson desires to be excused from attendance at the trial. Prof. Robison, who recollects many particulars of the invention, will willingly attend the trial, if leave be obtained from Patrons of the University. McGrigor mentioned."
- 37.** Letter. James Watt (Glasgow) to James Watt Jr. (Soho). 4 Nov. 1796.
Watt completed this letter on 5 Nov.
Docketed "Anderson the attorney's illness. Enclosing letter from John Robison respecting his testimony. John Roebuck's testimony. State of Mr. McGrigor's health." Summarised "Concerning Dr. Black, Prof. Robison and J. Roebuck's evidence for the trial. Mr. Anderson dying. Mr. McGrigor's illness. Roebuck will prove his father was not the inventor."

38. Letter. James Watt (Newcastle) to James Watt Jr. (Soho). 7 Nov. 1796.
With label attached marked "All these letters are from J. Watt to his son James, 1796."
Docketed "Cornish affairs. Professor Robison's evidence, John Roebuck's ditto. Dr. Black writing for us. Mr. Barnes." Summarised "Concerning United Mines and Consolidated Mines. Thinks Robison will be a good witness. Mentions John Roebuck and Dr. Black as witnesses. James Hamilton will be at Heathfield. The corn in Scotland."

39. Letter. James Watt (Soho) to James Watt Jr. (13 London St.). 22 Nov. 1796.
Docketed "Murdock's accident. Wilson's pusillanimity. R. Michell's alertness."

40. Letter. James Watt (Soho) to James Watt Jr. (13 London St.). 25 Nov. 1796.
On the same sheet:

Letter. M. R. Boulton (Soho) to James Watt Jr. (13 London St.). 25 Nov. 1796.
Docketed "Trial at bar. John Roebuck v. Justice Giddy. Wilson. Encyclopedia and other books."

3/26 Letters to Matthew Robinson Boulton, 1796 (13 items)

1. Letter. James Watt (Soho) to M. R. Boulton (care of Thomas Jones, Manchester).
10 May 1796.

On the same sheet:

Boulton & Watt (Soho) to M. R. Boulton. 10 May 1796.

Docketed "Thackeray's conduct. Letter from Wilson. T. Walker and Dr. Garnett."

2. Letter. James Watt (Heathfield) to M. R. Boulton (care of Thomas Jones, Manchester). 2
2 May 1796.

With a postscript by Matthew Boulton.

Docketed "Stockdale's intended visit. Thackeray."

3. Letter. James Watt (—) to M. R. Boulton (care of Thomas Jones, Manchester).
23 May 1796.

On the same sheet:

Transcript of letter. Boulton & Watt (Soho) to William Wilkinson. 23 May 1796.

Docketed "With copy of letter to William Wilkinson."

4. Letter. James Watt (Soho) to M. R. Boulton (care of Thomas Jones, Manchester).
29 May 1796.

Docketed "Submission of Bateman & Co. Lord Derby and Peel. Stockdale and Thackeray."

5. Letter. James Watt (Soho) to M. R. Boulton (care of Thomas Jones, Manchester).
30 May 1796. 2 sheets.

On the first sheet:

Transcript of agreement between James Stockdale of Cark and Boulton & Watt.

Docketed "Copy of agreement for the Cark engine. Remarks on the pirates. Peter Ewart. On premium to be required from pirated engines."

6. Letter. James Watt (Soho) to M. R. Boulton (care of Thomas Jones, Manchester).
1 Jun. 1796.

Re-directed to M. R. Boulton "care of Ewart & Rutson, Liverpool."

Docketed "Estimates of premiums on engines."

7. Letter. James Watt (Soho) to M. R. Boulton (care of Thomas Jones, Manchester).
2 Jun. 1796.

Docketed "Thackeray's submission. State of affairs with Stockdale."

8. Letter. James Watt (Soho) to M. R. Boulton (care of Thomas Jones, Manchester).
3 Jun. 1796.

Docketed "Thackeray's submission in full. Gives information of a conspiracy in Yorkshire."

- 9.** Letter. James Watt (Soho) to M. R. Boulton (care of Thomas Jones, Manchester).
4 Jun. 1796.
Docketed "Confirmation of information against Maberley. Proceedings against Manchester pirates."
- 10.** Letter. James Watt (Soho) to M. R. Boulton (care of Thomas Jones, Manchester).
15 Jun. 1796.
On the same sheet:
Transcript of letter. John Goodchild (Pallion) to James Watt Jr. 8 Jun. 1796.
Docketed "Copy of Mr. Goodchild's letter. James Watt Jr. to call upon him on his return from Scotland."
- 11.** Letter. James Watt (Heathfield) to M. R. Boulton (care of Thomas Jones, Manchester).
16 Jun. 1796.
Docketed "New trial granted to Maberley."
- 12.** Letter. James Watt (Bath) to Matthew Boulton (Soho). 8 Jul. 1796.
Docketed "Arrival at Bath. Weston." Summarised by Henry Hazleton "Mentions his arrival and lodgings. Gives the state of weather and crops. To give Weston sailing orders. Trusts Boulton's leg is better."
- 13. Letter.** James Watt (Bath) to M. R. Boulton (Soho). 19 Jul. 1796.
Docketed "Albion Mill affairs. Brown. Weston and conspiracy of pirates." Summarised by Henry Hazleton "Concerning the Albion Mills, and winding up the affair. Must not take on any of John Wilkinson's men."