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REEL 236

3/360 Thomas Wilson, 1800 (29 items)

1. Letter. Thomas Wilson (Truro) to M. R. Boulton (Soho). 10 Jan. 1800.
Docketed "Has received the bills. Murdock's arrival. Death of John Martyn."
2. Letter. Thomas Wilson (Truro) to Boulton & Watt (Soho). 13 Jan. 1800.
Docketed "Remittance from Trescow. Ditto on his own account. Acknowledgement of the receipt of bills by adventurers in Consolidated Mines."
3. Letter. Thomas Wilson (Truro) to M. R. Boulton (Soho). 21 Jan. 1800.
Docketed "Murdock's patent sent off. Opinion on claiming the Cornish premiums. Murdock's indisposition."
4. Letter. Thomas Wilson (Truro) to James Watt Jr. (13 London St.). 3 Feb. 1800.
Docketed "Witnesses against Hornblower ready. Threats to Hornblowers. Report they mean to let judgement go by default."
5. Letter. Thomas Wilson (Truro) to James Watt Jr. (13 London St.). 4 Feb. 1800.
Docketed "About the subpoenas against recusants."
6. Letter. Thomas Wilson (Truro) to James Watt (13 London St.). 9 Feb. 1800.
Docketed "Information collected by Murdock and Rogers respecting witnesses against recusants. Does not recollect particulars of threats to Hornblower. R. Mitchell desires to be subpoenaed."
7. Letter. Thomas Wilson (Truro) to Charlotte Matthews (13 London St.). 18 Feb. 1800.
Docketed "Notice of his coming to Town."
8. Letter. Thomas Wilson (Truro) to Boulton & Watt (Soho). 22 Mar. 1800.
Docketed "Murdock's anxiety to sell his shares in Godolphin. Offers to sell them to us at £400. Capt. Pearce's account of the mine and Capt. G. Rogers' opinion of the value of the shares. Doubts how to proceed in regard to the demands of premiums beyond November. Wanting further instructions before he delivers any accounts. Trevithick's failure in his attempt to alter several engines. Ill success of Hornblower's drum engine at Wheal Unity. Payment to Landor. Offer made to Murdock to remain in the county."
9. Letter. Thomas Wilson (Truro) to M. R. Boulton (Soho). 3 Apr. 1800.
Docketed "Pleasure at our accepting Murdock's shares. Offers made to Murdock. His present disgust at the county."
10. Letter. Thomas Wilson (Truro) to M. R. Boulton (Soho). 14 Apr. 1800.
Docketed "Valuation fixed upon Mr. Murdock's mine shares by E. Rogers. Thinks the Birmingham Company will take them at the same. Wishes a further examination of his correspondence relative to Hornblower."
11. Letter. John Pearce (Godolphin Adit) to George C. Fox & Sons (Falmouth).
15 Mar. 1800.
Docketed "Description of the state of the mine."

- 12.** Letter. Thomas Wilson (Truro) to M. R. Boulton (Soho). 18 May 1800.
Docketed "Is glad the trial is put off. Trouble with the corn trade. Bad aspect of Godolphin. Receipt of £87.13.10 from Gundry. Trescow wants abatement. Extracts from letters respecting Hornblower satisfactory."
- 13a.** Letter. Thomas Wilson (Truro) to M. R. Boulton (Soho). 20 May 1800.
Docketed "Encloses Grylls' statement of Wheal Rose case. Wilson's sentiments upon it. Mr. Williams asks payment of the allowance for Godolphin. Thinks the price paid for Murdock's shares fair. Says the mine has not altered."
- b.** Memorandum. Statement of the Wheal Rose case. By T. Grylls.
- 14.** Letter. Thomas Wilson (Truro) to M. R. Boulton (Soho). 22 May 1800.
Docketed "E. Rogers has examined the state of Godolphin and thinks the prospect highly favourable."
- 15.** Letter. Thomas Wilson (Truro) to James Watt Jr. (Soho). 3 Jun. 1800.
Docketed "List of our mine shares and observations upon them. Upon the removal of Crawshay's engine and its supposed value. Hornblower's drum engine at Wheal Unity does not succeed."
- 16.** Letter. Thomas Wilson (Truro) to M. R. Boulton (Soho). 17 Jun. 1800.
Docketed "Letter from Grylls on referring Wheal Rose case. Fair promises from Gundry."
- 17.** Letter. Thomas Wilson (Truro) to M. R. Boulton (Soho). 18 Jun. 1800.
Docketed "Probability of Mr. Vivian effecting an accomodation for Hornblower's piracies."
- 18.** Letter. Thomas Wilson (Truro) to M. R. Boulton (Soho). 26 Jun. 1800.
Docketed "Has no alterations to make on the Wheal Rose case. Glad to hear the trial is to be postponed."
- 19.** Letter. Thomas Wilson (Truro) to Boulton & Watt (Soho). 11 Jul. 1800.
Docketed "Receipt of bills to friendly adventurers £1115.12.6. Meeting of adventurers held respecting Hornblower's engines."
- 20.** Letter. Thomas Wilson (Truro) to Boulton & Watt (Soho). 17 Jul. 1800.
Docketed "Refusal of Messrs. Bailey to deliver the engine materials from Beer Alston without payment of his charges. Purchase of tin."
- 21.** Letter. Thomas Wilson (Truro) to Gregory Watt (Soho). 6 Sep. 1800.
On the same sheet:
Letter. Thomas Wilson (Truro) to Boulton & Watt (Soho). 6 Sep. 1800.
Docketed "Remitting £123. Wanting to know the state of Cassady's account."
- 22.** Letter. Thomas Wilson (Truro) to Grgeory Watt (Soho). 15 Sep. 1800.
On the same sheet:
Account. Thomas Wilson debtor to the Executors of William Withering. 1795—1800.
Docketed "Statement of his account with the Executors of Dr. Withering."
- 23.** Letter. Thomas Wilson (Truro) to Matthew Boulton (Soho). 15 Sep. 1800.
Docketed "Proposes that the indemnity agreement given to Paul at Chacewater Mine should be fulfilled."
- 24.** Letter. Thomas Wilson (Truro) to Boulton & Watt (Soho). 3 Nov. 1800.
Docketed "Remittance from Wheal Towan. Another ineffectual meeting of Wheal Pool adventurers."

- 25.** Letter. Thomas Wilson (Truro) to Boulton & Watt (Soho). 16 Nov. 1800.
On the same sheet:
Transcript of letter. Lewis Charles Daubuz to Thomas Wilson. 15 Nov. 1800.
Docketed "Foxes satisfied with being served with writ in Wheal Pool affair. Meeting with and letter from Daubuz respecting Wherry and Wheal Margaret."
- 26.** Letter. Thomas Wilson (Truro) to Boulton & Watt (Soho). 26 Nov. 1800.
Docketed "Reports an answer respecting Wherry to Mr. Daubuz. Edwards to write to James. Query about the Wheal Butson deed."
- 27.** Letter. Thomas Wilson (Truro) to Boulton & Watt (Soho). 4 Dec. 1800.
Docketed "Interview with Mr. Daubuz and his repetition of the proposals on behalf of the Wherry and Wheal Margaret adventurers. Moyle persists in his opposition. Writs arrived. J. James' answer to Mr. Edwards' letter."
- 28.** Letter. Thomas Wilson (Truro) to Boulton & Watt (Soho). 8 Dec. 1800.
Docketed "Further communication from Daubuz. Wheal Margaret and Wherry offer to pay in proportion of Wheal Unity provided Davies Giddy is satisfied of the justice of the proposition. Castings in Bailey & Co.'s hands ordered to Truro. Writs directed to be served immediately."
- 29.** Letter. Thomas Wilson (Truro) to Boulton & Watt (Soho). 27 Dec. 1800.
Docketed "Communicating our letter of the 17th to Mr. Daubuz. Dissatisfied that the particulars of our calculations are not disclosed. Writs not yet served. Engine arrived from Plymouth. Doubts of Trevithick's responsibility."

3/361 Thomas Wilson, 1801 (27 items)

- 1.** Bundle wrapper.
Marked "Mr. Wilson 1801."
- 2.** Letter. Thomas Wilson (Truro) to Boulton & Watt (Soho). 3 Jan. 1801.
Docketed "Conference with Daubuz. Reasonings and calculations about Wheal Margaret premium."
- 3.** Letter. Thomas Wilson (Truro) to Boulton & Watt (Soho). 4 Feb. 1801.
On the same sheet:
Memorandum. Resolution of the Wheal Pool adventurers. 28 Jan. 1801.
Docketed "Proceedings of Wheal Pool adventurers in consequence of service of writs. Mr. Daubuz persists in his opposition."
- 4.** Letter. Thomas Wilson (Truro) to Boulton & Watt (Soho). 15 Feb. 1801.
Docketed "Jenkins offended at our proceedings in Wheal Butson case. Offer to pay 1/3 of our demands. J. James and Sir C. Hawkins' steward concur to pay their quotas."
- 5.** Letter. Thomas Wilson (Truro) to Boulton & Watt (Soho). 10 Mar. 1801.
Docketed "Payments made to Mr. Jenkins on account of Wheal Butson. Wheal Margaret resolves to pay our demand. Terms of payment and conversation with Mr. Daubuz. The Wherry adventurers have ordered Gundry to settle. Expects to sell Crawshay's engine to Mr. Daubuz. Loss at Consolidated Mines. Trevithick's disgrace."
- 6.** Letter. Thomas Wilson (Truro) to Boulton & Watt (Soho). 29 Mar. 1801.
Docketed "Examination of the coal and other books to ascertain the time when Wheal Margaret engine started. Appears to be January 1798. Mr. Daubuz wishes to be informed of the precise sum of our demands in consequence of this alteration of the time and will fix specific periods for the payment of the instalments. Wherry money in the hands of Gundry. He begs for time in the payment of our claims."
- 7.** Letter. Thomas Wilson (Truro) to Boulton & Watt (Soho). 3 Apr. 1801.
Docketed "With remittance of £100 on account of the Wherry Mine."

- 8.** Letter. Thomas Wilson (Truro) to Boulton Watt & Co. (Soho). 25 Apr. 1801.
On the same sheet:
Transcript of letter. John Fleming (Penzance) to Thomas Wilson. 24 Apr. 1801.
Docketed "Wheal Margaret adventurers agree to pay our demand of £537.10.
Correspondence with Fleming respecting mode of payment. Copy of Fleming's letter.
Inability of Gundry to give satisfactory security for payment of our claims upon the Wherry.
Motives for giving him indulgence in point of trial."
- 9.** Letter. Thomas Wilson (Truro) to Boulton Watt & Co. (Soho). 6 May 1801.
Docketed "Settlement with Gundry for Wherry. Trevithick's acceptance not discharged by him. Loss in Consolidated and North Downs Mines principally by supplying corn at a low price. Unpromising state of mining concerns in general."
- 10.** Letter. Thomas Wilson (Truro) to Boulton Watt & Co. (Soho). 7 May 1801.
Docketed "Sentiments respecting payment from Wheal Margaret purser. Surprise at being called to Town on Godolphin action. Prejudices of the county still subsisting. Proposal respecting Wheal Pool."
- 11.** Letter. Thomas Wilson (Truro) to Boulton Watt & Co. (Soho). 13 May 1801.
Docketed "Designation of Henry Thomas. Suggestion Mr. Edwards to have the Godolphin books produced. Thomas Jones in Cornwall. Reluctance of Johns and Reed to sign the protest of the Wheal Pool against the law suit."
- 12.** Letter. Thomas Wilson (Truro) to Boulton Watt & Co. (Soho). 20 May 1801.
Docketed "Sundry information respecting Godolphin dispute."
- 13.** Letter. Thomas Wilson (Truro) to A. & J. Weston (31 Fenchurch St.). 23 May 1801.
Docketed "Writs served upon Wallis – his surprise. Rowe's caution and apprehension."
- 14.** Letter. Thomas Wilson (Truro) to M. R. Boulton (Soho). 3 Jul. 1801.
Docketed "Ineffectual attempts to settle with refractory adventurers of Wheal Pool. State of Consolidated Mines and mismanagement of Capt. Morcam."
- 15.** Letter. Thomas Wilson (Truro) to M. R. Boulton (Soho). 21 Jul. 1801.
Docketed "State of our mining concerns, particularly of the Consolidated Mines."
- 16.** Letter. Thomas Wilson (Truro) to Boulton Watt & Co. (Soho). 4 Aug. 1801.
Docketed "Report of the state of Boulton & Watt's mining concerns in Cornwall. Has thrown up their shares in the Consolidated Mines."
- 17.** Letter. Thomas Wilson (Truro) to Boulton Watt & Co. (Soho). 8 Aug. 1801.
Docketed "Statement of our mining concerns. Offer of J. Willyams to purchase our shares."
- 18.** Letter. Thomas Wilson (Truro) to Boulton Watt & Co. (Soho). 20 Aug. 1801.
Docketed "One of our letters mis-sent. Waits futher instructions as to the disposal of our mine shares."
- 19.** Letter. Thomas Wilson (Truro) to Boulton Watt & Co. (Soho). 27 Aug. 1801. 2 sheets.
Docketed "Further explanation relative to our shares of mines. Repeats his advice to accept Mr. Williams' offer."
- 20.** Letter. Thomas Wilson (Truro) to Boulton & Watt (Soho). 28 Aug. 1801.
Docketed "The Captain's valuation – Consolidated Mines' materials. Ultimate determination of adventurers respecting the continuation of that mine. Mr. John Williams declines purchasing our share. Wilson proposes to put them up to auction."
- 21.** Letter. Thomas Wilson (Truro) to Boulton Watt & Co. (Soho). 31 Aug. 1801.
Docketed "Wheal Unity adventurers refuse to contribute towards the loss of Consolidated Mines. Probability of a total stoppage of it. Omission of the duty on the tin purchased for us. Mr. Williams wished to have a price for Wheal Jewel."

- 22.** Letter. Thomas Wilson (Truro) to Boulton & Watt (Soho). 4 Sep. 1801.
Docketed "Measures taken for the sale of the mine shares at Redruth. Trevithick's acceptance not paid. Copy of letter to him [within the text]. Waiting instructions whether to proceed against him."
- 23.** Letter. Thomas Wilson (Truro) to Boulton & Watt (Soho). 11 Sep. 1801.
Forwarded to James Watt at Heathfield. The docket and address are on a separate wrapper. Docketed "Trevithick's disregard of the applications for payment of his acceptances. Desires instructions whether he is to be proceeded against."
- 24.** Letter. Thomas Wilson (Truro) to Boulton & Watt (Soho). 12 Sep. 1801.
Docketed "Application of J. Williams to purchase the Godolphin and Wheal Jewel shares by private contract. Disatisfaction of Capt. J. Dennis with the present made him and unconscionable claim of a further remuneration."
- 25.** Letter. Thomas Wilson (Truro) to Boulton Watt & Co. (Soho). 18 Sep. 1801.
Docketed "Has given directions to serve Trevithick with a writ in case he fails in his promise of payment on the ensuing Saturday. Promising discovery in Wheal Quick cause of J. Williams' offer to buy the shares of Boulton & Watt. No answer from Fleming or from Helston."
- 26.** Letter. Thomas Wilson (Truro) to Boulton & Watt (Soho). 21 Sep. 1801.
Docketed "Account of the sale of our shares in Wheal Jewel, Wheal Chance and Godolphin. Receipt of Trevithick's debt."
- 27.** Letter. Thomas Wilson (Truro) to Boulton & Watt (Soho). 23 Sep. 1801.
On the same sheet:
Memorandum. Particulars and Conditions of Sale of Boulton & Watt's mine shares.
Docketed "Conditions of sale and other particulars of the auction upon our mine shares, viz. Godolphin, Wheal Jewel and Quick and Wheal Chance. Statement to show the net account."

3/362 Thomas Wilson, 1804

(6 items)

- 1.** Letter. William Wilson (Truro) to James Lodge (Soho). 17 Feb. 1804.
Docketed "No tin can be procured before April. His father confined with the gout and rheumatism."
- 2.** Letter. Thomas Wilson (Truro) to Boulton & Watt (Soho). 14 Oct. 1804.
Docketed "Offer of John Williams to purchase our shares in North Downs. Favourable prospect in the mine. New discovery in Wheal Chance sett."
- 3.** Letter. Thomas Wilson (Truro) to Boulton & Watt (Soho). 22 Oct. 1804.
Docketed "E. Rogers' report of the state of North Downs. Advises us to retain our share."
- 4.** Letter. Thomas Wilson (Truro) to M. R. Boulton (Soho). 2 Nov. 1804.
Docketed "Further information and statements respecting the value of North Downs shares."
- 5.** Letter. Thomas Wilson (Truro) to M. R. Boulton (Soho). 6 Dec. 1804.
Docketed "Has sold Boulton & Watt's shares in North Downs to J. Williams. Term of credit undefined. Opinion of Stower's End mine unfavourable. Advances on Mr. Murdock's account."
- 6.** Letter. Thomas Wilson (Truro) to Boulton & Watt (Soho). 31 Dec. 1804.
On the same sheet:
Account. Thomas Wilson debtor to Boulton & Watt. 1803—1804.
Docketed "Payment of North Downs shares."

3/363 Thomas Wilson, 1806-1810

(18 items)

- 1.** Letter. Thomas Wilson (Truro) to Boulton Watt & Co. (Soho). 5 Feb. 1806.
Docketed "Upon Mr. Murdock's shares at Stower's End. Statement of his account and of payments made for Mr. Murdock. The increase of his trade assigned as the reason for the non-payment of his debt. Boasted performance of Trevithick's engines."
- 2.** Letter. Thomas Wilson (Truro) to Boulton Watt & Co. (Soho). 17 Apr. 1807.
Docketed "Invoice of 15 blocks of tin. Expects Mr. M. R. Boulton's sentiments on his proposal. Enquires whether payments made on Mr. Murdock's account are to his debit."
- 3.** Letter. Thomas Wilson (Truro) to James Watt (Heathfield). 9 May 1807.
Docketed "Remits £280. Thinks it hard to pay interest upon his debt. States his losses from the connection with Boulton & Watt etc etc."
- 4.** Letter. Thomas Wilson (Truro) to James Watt Jr. (Soho). 24 May 1807.
Docketed "Wanting an extension of the term for liquidating his account."
- 5.** Letter. Thomas Wilson (Truro) to James Watt Jr. (Soho). 14 Jun. 1807.
Docketed "Requests to be allowed further time to remit the £120. Proposes to ship ten blocks of tin and pay the remainder on 1st April."
- 6.** Letter. Thomas Wilson (Truro) to James Watt Jr. (Soho). 25 Jun. 1807.
Docketed "Proposes to pay the £120 through the Rose Copper Co. Various proposals for the liquidation of the remainder of his debt."
- 7.** Letter. Thomas Wilson (Truro) to Boulton & Watt (Soho). 1 Jul. 1807.
Docketed "Has directed Mr. Gibbins to pay us £120 on his account. Renews his proposal to pay the remainder in his acceptances and in tin."
- 8.** Letter. Thomas Wilson (Truro) to Boulton & Watt (Soho). 21 Jul. 1807.
Docketed "Remits his note for £480 due April next. Will remit the balance in tin at the next Lady Day coinage."
- 9.** Letter. Thomas Wilson (Truro) to James Watt Jr. (Soho). 14 Sep. 1807.
Docketed "Has received and forwarded our letter to Mr. Murdock."
- 10.** Letter. Thomas Wilson (Truro) to Boulton Watt & Co. (Soho). 27 Jan. 1808.
Docketed "Statement of what he and others can certify respecting Mr. Murdock's experiments on the new light in Cornwall. Requests an extension of the term of his note due in April. Will send ½ dozen apple trees on Saturday."
- 11.** Letter. Thomas Wilson (Truro) to Boulton Watt & Co. (Soho). 29 Jan. 1808.
Docketed "Further particulars of what certificates can be given respecting the new light. Apple trees."
- 12.** Letter. Thomas Wilson (Truro) to Boulton & Watt (Soho). 17 Mar. 1808.
Docketed "Unable to take up his note on Wood. Cause of his embarrassments."
- 13.** Letter. Thomas Wilson (Truro) to Boulton & Watt (Soho). 28 Mar. 1808.
Docketed "Enclosing his renewed note of pardon [?]. Can furnish tin."
- 14.** Letter. Thomas Wilson (Truro) to Boulton & Watt (Soho). 15 Apr. 1808.
Docketed "Wishes to defer sending the tin until the next coinage. Requests James Watt Jr. to call upon his son in the event of his going to Cork."
- 15.** Letter. Thomas Wilson (Truro) to Boulton & Watt (Soho). 17 Jun. 1808.
Docketed "Andrew Vivian wants 10 or 12 engine counters. Will send 10 blocks of tin after the midsummer coinage."

16. Letter. Thomas Wilson (Truro) to Boulton & Watt (Soho). 25 Jul. 1808.
On the same sheet:
Invoice for 12 blocks of tin bought by Wilson from Lewis Charles Daubuz.
Docketed "Invoice of 12 blocks of tin. Payment for crucibles and fruit trees."

17. Letter. Thomas Wilson (Truro) to Boulton Watt & Co. (Soho). 16 Apr. 1810.
Docketed "Is not able to pay for any tin, but will endeavour to procure it from Mr. Daniell or the Foxes."

18. Letter. Thomas Wilson (Penryn) to Boulton Watt & Co. (Soho). 17 Apr. 1810.
Docketed "Mr. Daniell will let us have 20 blocks of tin. Price to be high."

3/364 Thomas Wilson - Private Affairs, 1797-1803 (32 items)

1. Letter. Thomas Wilson (Truro) to James Watt (Soho). 29 May 1797.
On the same sheet [now split in two]:
Account. Thomas Wilson in account with Boulton & Watt. Sep. 1796—Apr. 1797.
Docketed "Statement of his private concerns."

2. Letter. Thomas Wilson (Truro) to James Watt (Soho). 11 Jun. 1797.
Docketed "Upon his private affairs."

3. Letter. Thomas Wilson (Truro) to James Watt (Soho). 18 Jun. 1797.
Docketed "About his private affairs."

4. Letter. Thomas Wilson (Truro) to James Watt (18 Mr. Fletcher's, Circus, Bath). 1 Jul. 1797.
Docketed "His private affairs. Statement of the brewery concern. His advance on account of ditto. Probability of its being lessened by payment of the quotas due from the other partners. Proposal of mortgaging it."

5. Transcript of letter. Boulton & Watt (Soho) to Thomas Wilson [Truro]. 17 Jul. 1797.
The transcript is in Watt's hand and unsigned, but the press copy [See B&W 3/92] is in Boulton's hand and signed "Boulton & Watt".

6. Letter. Thomas Wilson (Truro) to Matthew Boulton (Soho). 23 Jul. 1797.
Docketed "Upon his private affairs."

7. Account. Thomas Wilson's statement of profits in his Brewing. 20 Aug. 1797.

8. Letter. Thomas Wilson (Truro) to James Watt (Heathfield). 27 Aug. 1797.
Docketed "His private affairs."

9. Letter. Thomas Wilson (Truro) to James Watt (Heathfield). 11 Sep. 1797.
Docketed as 7 Sep.
Docketed "His private affairs and proposals for liquidating his debts."

10. Letter. Thomas Wilson (Truro) to Boulton & Watt (Soho). 21 Nov. 1797.
Forwarded to James Watt Jr. care of Dr. Beddoes, Clifton.
Docketed "His private affairs. Poldice arrears and Mr. Tremayne's intention of writing. Bull's disgrace at Pednandrea. Submission of the adventurers. Murdock's employment to convert the engine. Report of Bull respecting Wheal Treasure."

11. Letter. Thomas Wilson (Truro) to Boulton & Watt (Soho). 3 Dec. 1797.
Docketed "Acceptance of bills value £1700. Explanations of sundry items in his account. Satisfactory performance of engine at Pednandrea."

12. Letter. Thomas Wilson (Truro) to James Watt (Heathfield). 6 Feb. 1798.
Docketed "Letter written to Mr. Townend on his private affairs. Loss in his brewery. Gregory's accident."

- 13.** Letter. Thomas Wilson (Truro) to James Watt (Heathfield). 23 Feb. 1798.
Docketed "Enclosing his bond for £1500 and some particulars of his affairs."
- 14.** Letter. Thomas Wilson (Truro) to Boulton & Watt (Soho). 15 Oct. 1799.
Docketed "Penrose's draft accepted. Neglect by Mitchell and Landor respecting Hornblower's cylinder bottom. Carzize Wood adventurers have paid Penrose in part. Query respecting Grylls. Favourable state of Godolphin. His private concerns again in difficulty."
- 15a.** Letter. Thomas Wilson (Truro) to M. R. Boulton (Soho). 26 Oct. 1799.
Enclosing (b) and (c) below.
Docketed "Relative to his private concerns and the accomodation requested in his payments to Boulton & Watt. Enclosing copy of a letter from Richard Mitchell arguing various reasons for declining to make the model of Hornblower's engine."
- b.** Letter. Richard Michell (Carharrack, Gwennap) to Thomas Wilson. 22 Oct. 1799
- c.** Letter. Richard Michell (—) to Thomas Wilson. 25 Oct. 1799.
- 16.** Letter. Thomas Wilson (Truro) to Boulton & Watt (Soho). 30 Nov. 1799.
Docketed "Account of settlement between him and M. R. Boulton. Observations on the state of his private affairs."
- 17.** Letter. Thomas Wilson (Truro) to M. R. Boulton (Soho). 24 Dec. 1799.
Docketed "Apologises for his conduct. Remittances. The mines unwilling to pay premiums beyond November."
- 18.** Letter. Thomas Wilson (Truro) to Boulton & Watt (Soho). 3 Jan. 1800.
Docketed "Enclosing his account and 2 bills."
- 19.** Letter. Thomas Wilson (Truro) to Boulton & Watt (Soho). 23 Dec. 1801.
Docketed "Truro estate offered to Dr. Gould and in case of his refusal to be offered Daniell. Redruth estate to be disposed of. Attempts to dispose of his share in the Neath concern. Offer made to his son William by a West India planter."
- 20.** Letter. Thomas Wilson (Truro) to James Watt (Heathfield). 28 Jan. 1802.
Docketed "Neath Co. refuse his shares. Daniell purchases estate for £850. Expects Foxes to buy his shares in Perran Foundry. Offers to assign his Neath shares. Has to pay Chalcot £500 out of the estate sold. Will endeavour to get the mortgage removed. Murdock upon his return to Soho."
- 21.** Letter. Thomas Wilson (Truro) to Boulton Watt & Co. (Soho). 11 Mar. 1802.
Docketed "Obstacles which have prevented the fulfillment of the promised sale of sundry effects, which were to have been employed to the liquidation of our debt. Promises to remit the produce of Perran Foundry shares and hope to reduce his debt to £1000 in the course of the year. Cannot get the mortgage removed. The scarcity of money continuing. Stocks not having risen as he expected. His son William going to the West Indies as the supercargo of a vessel."
- 22.** Letter. Thomas Wilson (Truro) to Boulton Watt & Co. (Soho). 3 May 1802.
Docketed "Advance upon tin. Interprets our silence favourably. Prospect of getting the mortgage on the brewery paid off. Bad account of North Downs. Statement of his profits in Perran Foundry and by his share in Dalton's vessel. Proposal to reduce his debt to £1000 in the course of the year in case he is not obliged to sell his shares."
- 23.** Letter. Thomas Wilson (Truro) to James Watt (Heathfield). 31 May 1802.
Docketed "Cannot get the mortgage on the brewery transferred. Rejoices at not being forced to sell his share in Perran Foundry etc. Again promising to reduce his debt to £1000 in the course of the year."

- 24.** Letter. Thomas Wilson (Penryn) to Boulton Watt & Co. (Soho). 28 Sep. 1802.
Docketed "Has found parties who will purchase the mortgage upon the brewery. Wishes the deeds to be sent. Expects to reduce his debt to £1000 by Christmas. Has sold Crawshay's engine to Hercules Mitchell & Co. His son William returned from the West Indies. His son Tom doing much business. His favourable opinion of the Neath concern."
- 25.** Letter. Thomas Wilson (Penryn) to Boulton Watt & Co. (Soho). 12 Oct. 1802.
Docketed "Deeds will be ready for execution 10 days. Intends to be with us on the 1st Nov. Wish to obtain the Rose Copper Co.'s agency for the purchase of ore from the demise of Christoe."
- 26.** Letter. Thomas Wilson (Bristol) to Boulton Watt & Co. (Soho). 25 Oct. 1802.
Docketed "At Bristol on his road to Soho where he expects to arrive on the following Monday."
- 27.** Letter. Thomas Wilson (Truro) to Boulton & Watt (Soho). 7 Jan. 1803.
Mis-dated as 1802 by Wilson.
Docketed "Unable to pay the proposed instalments towards the liquidation of his debt. Pecuniary embarrassments and new proposals."
- 28.** Letter. Thomas Wilson (Truro) to Boulton Watt & Co. (Soho). 19 Jan. 1803.
Docketed "Mr. Edwards wishes the cup he ordered to be made and accepts the one offered to him. Simon Vivian's distress and advance of £20 to him."
- 29.** Letter. Thomas Wilson (Truro) to Boulton Watt & Co. (Soho). 30 Jan. 1803.
Docketed "Can procure no tin at present. Will send some in April. Will remit for Crawshay's engine next month. Expects to remit £400 in May next."
- 30.** Letter. Thomas Wilson (Penryn) to Boulton Watt & Co. (Soho). 29 Mar. 1803.
Docketed "Has not received payment for the engine materials sold to Hercules Mitchell – promise of a bill in a month. Difficulty in settling the arrears due from Wheal Margaret adventurers. Pecuniary embarrassments. Promise to reduce his debt £250. The projected establishment of a brewery at Merthyr suspended. Stoppage and loss of the United Mines, ditto of North Downs."
- 31a.** Letter. Thomas Wilson (Truro) to Boulton Watt & Co. (Soho). 12 Apr. 1803.
Enclosing (b) below.
Docketed "Invoice of 12 blocks of tin. Price to be fixed in a few days. Death of Simon Vivian's wife. His distress and application for money."
- b.** Bill of Lading for 12 blocks of tin shipped for Boulton Watt & Co. 4 Apr. 1803
- 32.** Letter. Thomas Wilson (Truro) to Boulton Watt & Co. (Soho). 19 Nov. 1803.
On the same sheet:
Account. Thomas Wilson in account with Boulton & Watt. 1803.
Docketed "Statement of his account. Receipt and remittance of £150 for Crawshay's engine. Advances made for Mr. Murdock at Stower's End. Cannot discharge any part of his debt to us, on account of the money being employed in a profitable extension of his business. Money paid Mr. Edwards cannot be reclaimed."
- 3/365 Thomas Wilson - Bonds and Papers concerning his debts to Boulton & Watt, 1794-1807 (11 items)**

Due to financial problems Wilson had to borrow money from Boulton & Watt. This small bundle contains papers relating to the debt and its repayment. Letters with details of Wilson's finances and the debt to Boulton & Watt will be found in the bundle of letters concerning his "Private Affairs 1797—1803" [3/363].

1. Deed of Assignment. Thomas Wilson assigning to Boulton & Watt his shares in Thomas Fenton & Co./The Yorkshire Copper Co. 13 Feb. 1794.
Sent to Boulton & Watt by A. & J. Weston, 21 Feb. 1794.
With a separate wrapper docketed "Mr. Wilson's security to Boulton & Watt 1794.
2. Bond (printed form). Thomas Wilson bound to Boulton & Watt for £1500. 23 Feb. 1798.
3. Bond (printed form). Thomas Wilson & George Thomas, brewers, of Truro; Richard & John Cunnack, tanners, of Penzance; Jethro Hornblower, engineer, of Kenwyn bound to Boulton & Watt for £2000. 24 Jul. 1799.
4. Memorandum. Instalments stipulated with Wilson & Co. Truro, 25 Jul. 1799
In Wilson's hand.
5. Warrant of Attorney (printed form). Warrant to William Bedford, Thomas Gerrard and William Whately, attorneys of the Court of King's Bench, to secure payment of Thomas Wilson's bond for £1500. 25 Jul. 1799.
6. Account. Statement of Thomas Wilson's debts and effects. Nov. 1801.
7. Rough calculations. Deductions to be made on Consolidated Mines shares.
Circa 1 Nov. 1801.
8. Rough calculations – re. Wilson's debts? Untitled and not dated [circa Nov. 1801?].
9. Memorandum. Thomas Wilson's disposable property and supposed future income.
Not dated [Circa Nov. 1801?]
10. Minutes of a Meeting at Heathfield between Messrs. Boulton & Watt and Thomas Wilson respecting the State of his Affairs and of his Account with them. 6 Dec. 1801.
In Wilson's hand.
11. Memorandum. Mr. Wilson's proposal for the liquidation of his debt to Boulton & Watt.
Heathfield, 26 Mar. 1807. In Wilson's hand.

3/366 John Woodward, 1795-1796

(27 items)

John Woodward was a clerk, or agent, at Charlotte Matthews's banking house and agency at 6 Green Lettice Lane, Cannon Street, London, and he continued in the same position when she moved to 13 London Street, Fenchurch Street, in July 1795. In this position Woodward did a lot of work for the engine firm, dealing with payments, hiring and directing engine erectors, investigating pirate engines, and so on. He worked closely with the London engine erector Richard Dayus in this. When Charlotte Matthews died (9 Jan. 1802) the business was continued at the same premises by the new firm of M. and R. Boulton, J. and G. Watt, and Company. Mrs. Matthews's two clerks, Woodward and John Mosley, ran this firm as agents for the partners, Woodward being the senior of the two. He continued to do business for the engine firm.

1. Letter. John Woodward (London) to Boulton & Watt (Soho). 2 Jan. 1795.
Docketed "Mr. Tate. Randall & Suter."
2. Letter. John Woodward (London) to James Watt Jr. (Soho). 2 Jan. 1795.
Docketed "Sundries."
3. Letter. John Woodward (6 Green Lettice Lane, London) to James Watt Jr. [Soho].
10 Mar. 1795.
Docketed "Mr. Barclay etc."
4. Letter. John Woodward (London) to Boulton & Watt (Soho). 3 Apr. 1795.
Docketed "Dunkin & Brown. Stephenson & Co. Benjamin Firth's time."

5. Letter. John Woodward (London) to Boulton & Watt (Soho). 18 Apr. 1795.
Docketed "Paty Birchall & Co. Cox King & Co."
6. Letter. John Woodward (London) to Boulton & Watt (Soho). 19 Jun. 1795.
On the same sheet:
List of articles returned by Messrs. Cox Curtis & Payne.
Docketed "Stephenson & Co. Mr. Leech. Benjamin Firth."
7. Letter. John Woodward (London) to Boulton & Watt (Soho). 8 Aug. 1795.
Docketed "Yallop & Co. Redgreave."
8. Letter. John Woodward (London) to Boulton & Watt (Soho). 8 Sep. 1795.
Docketed "Deeds – Yallop & Smith. Smith's engine at work."
9. Letter. John Woodward (London) to M. R. Boulton (Soho). 20 Nov. 1795.
Docketed "Price of lead and mahogany."
10. Letter. John Woodward (13 London St.) to M. R. Boulton (Soho). 26 Jan. 1796.
Docketed "About mahogany."
11. Letter. John Woodward (London) to Matthew Boulton (Soho). 27 Feb. 1796.
Docketed "Messrs. Raikes. Thomson's trial."
12. Letter. John Woodward (London St.) to Matthew Boulton (Soho). 17 Jun. 1796.
Docketed "Asks leave to visit his mother."
13. Letter. John Woodward (London) to M. R. Boulton (Soho). 5 Aug. 1796.
Docketed "G. Paton & Co."
14. Letter. John Woodward (London St.) to Boulton & Watt (Soho). 12 Aug. 1796.
Docketed as 21 Aug.
Docketed "Paton & Co.'s vessel. Lead may be exported during the war."
15. Letter. John Woodward (London St.) to Boulton & Watt (Soho). 13 Aug. 1796.
Docketed "Refusal of Paton & Co. to accept the draft."
16. Letter. John Woodward (London St.) to Boulton & Watt (Soho). 16 Aug. 1796.
Docketed "John Knuckey and his brother."
17. Letter. John Woodward (London) to Boulton & Watt (Soho). 19 Aug. 1796.
Docketed "Knuckey. Borough Water Works engine."
18. Letter. John Woodward (London) to Boulton & Watt (Soho). 23 Aug. 1796.
Docketed "Knuckey's vindication of himself. Mr. Barclay's dissatisfaction."
19. Letter. John Woodward (London) to James Watt Jr. (Soho). 26 Aug. 1796.
20. Letter. John Woodward (London) to Boulton & Watt (Soho). 30 Aug. 1796.
Docketed "Levi's draft refused. Price. Books for J. Watt etc."
21. Letter. John Woodward (London) to John Southern (Soho). 30 Sep. 1796.
Docketed "Clowes & Co.'s engine. New River Head."
22. Letter. John Woodward (London) to Boulton & Watt (Soho). 6 Oct. 1796.
Docketed "Clowes & Co. agree that their own man shall erect their engine. Stephen Knuckey. New River Head boiler. Whitbread and Stonard's payments."
23. Letter. John Woodward (London) to Boulton & Watt (Soho). 18 Oct. 1796.
Docketed "John Abraham & Co.'s stoppage of payment. Paty Burchall & Co."

24. Letter. John Woodward (London) to Boulton & Watt (Soho). 1 Nov. 1796.
Docketed "John Knuckey's account of Sadler's engine. John Price. Abraham & Co.'s affairs."

25. Letter. John Woodward (London) to Boulton & Watt (Soho). 2 Nov. 1796.
Docketed "Application of Martineau & Co. for leave to apply an air pump. Thrale & Co. double engine set to work on 13th Oct. Tate & Co. have not worked."

26a. Letter. John Woodward (London) to Boulton & Watt (Soho). 4 Nov. 1796.
Enclosing (b) below.
Docketed "Drawing of Sutton & Co.'s engine erected by Sadler."

b.

Sketch. Section of cylinder and air pump of Sutton & Co.'s engine.
Sketch by John Knuckey.

27. Letter. John Woodward (London) to Boulton & Watt (Soho). 8 Nov. 1796.
Docketed as 7 Nov. Docketed "Answer to Messrs. Martineau's application for liberty to use the air pump and their rejection of the terms."