

INDUSTRIAL REVOLUTION: A DOCUMENTARY HISTORY
Series One: The Boulton and Watt Archive and the Matthew Boulton Papers
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Part 13: Boulton & Watt Correspondence and Papers (MS 3147/3/286-404)

DETAILED LISTING

REEL 237

3/367 John Woodward, 1797-1798 (51 items)

- 1a.** Letter. John Woodward (London) to Boulton & Watt (Soho). 10 Jan. 1797.
Docketed as 9 Jan: "With Matthews' account of Bramah's new piracy." Enclosing (b) below.
- b.** Note by Thomas Matthews about the method used by Bramah to condense steam in his newly erected engine.
- 2a.** Letter. John Woodward (London St.) to John Southern (Soho). 13 Jan. 1797.
Enclosing (b) below.
Docketed "Thompson's scientific queries. Adjustment of Tate's invoice."
- b.** Memorandum. Thomson & Co. of Aldermanbury's queries about condensing steam.
- 3.** Letter. John Woodward (London) to Boulton & Watt (Soho). 20 Jan. 1797.
Docketed as 22 Jan: "London accounts. Prony's work. Receipt of cash on J. Watt & Co.'s account."
- 4.** Letter. John Woodward (London St.) to Boulton & Watt (Soho). 24 Jan. 1797.
Docketed "Gardner Manse & Co.'s payment. Knuckey's wages and time deducted by Mr. Mylne. Dayus about Calvert's alterations."
- 5.** Memorandum. Copy of note for Woodward about stamps for Deeds. Soho, 23 Feb. 1797.
- 6.** Letter. John Woodward (London) to Boulton & Watt (Soho). 4 Mar. 1797.
Docketed "On the legal stamps for Deeds and Schedules. Stephenson's premium due. Goodwin's ditto ditto."
- 7.** Letter. John Woodward (13 London St.) to M. R. Boulton (Soho). 2 May 1797.
Docketed "Borough Water Works. Price, Shakespear. Sir John Eamer's materials."
- 8.** Letter. John Woodward (London St.) to M. R. Boulton (Soho). 9 May 1797.
Docketed "Sir John Eamer's drawings. Bishop & Co.'s account."
- 9.** Letter. John Woodward (London) to M. R. Boulton (Soho). 12 May 1797.
Docketed "Price's proceedings at Borough Water Works. Bad castings. Cox & Co.'s account. Goodwin's ditto. Borough Water Works ditto."
- 10.** Letter. John Woodward (London) to M. R. Boulton (Soho). 23 May 1797.
Docketed "Borough Water Works engine finished to the satisfaction of the Committee. Instructed Hateley's son. His father's wilful waste of fuel."
- 11.** Letter. John Woodward (London St.) to John Southern (Soho). 24 May 1797.
Docketed "Jobs to be superintended in London. Proposes to retain Price."
- 12.** Letter. John Woodward [London] to M. R. Boulton (Soho). "Thursday" [15 Jun. 1797].
On the same sheet:
Letter. Richard Dayus to John Woodward. Not dated.
Docketed "Spence's boiler. Borough Water Works account."

- 13.** Letter. John Woodward (London) to M. R. Boulton (Soho). 30 Jun. 1797.
Docketed "Griffiths promises to settle the Borough Water Works account."
- 14.** Letter. John Woodward (London) to M. R. Boulton (Soho). 4 Jul. 1797.
Docketed "Sir John Eamer's engine finished. Price's proceedings at Moorman's. Griffiths' doceur to Price."
- 15.** Letter. John Woodward (London St.) to M. R. Boulton (Soho). 4 Jul. 1797.
Docketed "Introducing Mr. Lodge."
- 16.** Letter. John Woodward (London St.) to "Boulton & Watt or M. R. Boulton" (Soho).
21 Jul. 1797.
Docketed "Griffiths' delay of payment. Bishop & Co.'s agreement. Sir John Eamer's ditto."
- 17.** Letter. John Woodward (London St.) to Boulton & Watt (Soho). 27 Jul. 1797.
Docketed "Sir John Eamer's account. Arrangement of men in London."
- 18.** Letter. John Woodward (London) to Boulton & Watt (Soho). 1 Aug. 1797.
Docketed "Sir John Eamer's account. Inteference in behalf of Cartwright."
- 19.** Letter. John Woodward (London St.) to Boulton & Watt (Soho). 11 Aug. 1797.
Docketed "Griffiths' payment of the Borough Water Works account."
- 20.** Letter. John Woodward (London) to Boulton & Watt (Soho). 30 Aug. 1797.
Docketed "Ramsbottom's engine house not begun. Charrington's will not be ready these 6 weeks. New River Head not to be completed till Winter. Whether Price and Knuckey shall be sent home."
- 21.** Letter. John Woodward (London) to James Watt Jr. (Soho). 1 Sep. 1797.
Docketed "Complaints against Knuckey."
- 22.** Letter. John Woodward (London St.) to James Watt Jr. (Soho). 5 Sep. 1797.
Docketed "Discharge of John Knuckey."
- 23.** Letter. John Woodward (London) to James Watt Jr. (Soho). 8 Sep. 1797.
On the same sheet:
Letter. Robert Mylne (New River Head) to John Woodward. 6 Sep. 1797.
Docketed "Mr. Mylne's letter upon Knuckey's dismissal."
- 24.** Letter. John Woodward (London St.) to Boulton & Watt (Soho). 12 Sep. 1797.
Docketed "Abraham's commissioners of bankruptcy. Bishop & Co.'s agreement."
- 25.** Letter. John Woodward (London St.) to Boulton & Watt (Soho). 6 Oct. 1797.
Docketed "Valuation of Roberts & Co.'s engine wanted. Thrale's payment."
- 26.** Letter. John Woodward (London St.) to Boulton & Watt [Soho]. 30 Oct. 1797.
Docketed "Moorman's account. Couldery & Bannister's engine lately purchased."
- 27.** Letter. John Woodward (13 London St.) to Boulton & Watt (Soho). 22 Nov. 1797.
Docketed "Gosse & Benwell's engine worked during interdict. Dayus' engagements prevent them going to New River Head."
- 28.** Letter. John Woodward (London) to Boulton & Watt (Soho). 25 Nov. 1797.
Docketed "Bramah's engine at Norwich completed. Mr. Mylne's offer to send with him one of our agents to inspect it. Mr. Mylne appointed to inspect it."
- 29.** Letter. John Woodward (London St.) to M. R. Boulton (Soho). 26 Dec. 1797.
Docketed "Arrangements with Dayus in regard to the engine erecting in London. Payments by account on Engine Co. Matthews' promise to produce a sketch of the engine erecting at Norwich."

- 30.** Letter. John Woodward (London St.) to Boulton & Watt [Soho]. 7 Jan. 1798.
Docketed "Dayus' account of time. Thompson's ditto of work. Arrangements with Wilkinson & Co. in consequence of the delay of their fly wheel and boilers. Receipt of Stonard's and Severn's payments."
- 31.** Letter. John Woodward (London St.) to William Forman (Soho). 16 Jan. 1798.
Docketed "Wilkinson & Co.'s boiler. Expenses upon ditto."
- 32.** Letter. John Woodward (13 London St.) to Boulton & Watt (Soho). 26 Jan. 1798.
Docketed "Queries respecting New River Head account."
- 33.** Letter. John Woodward (London St.) to William Forman (Soho). 30 Jan. 1798.
Docketed "Bad account of Middleton."
- 34.** Letter. John Woodward (London) to Boulton & Watt (Soho). 6 Feb. 1798.
On the same sheet:
Letter. Robert Mylne (New River Head) to John Woodward. 3 Feb. 1798.
Docketed "New River Head account and copy of a letter from Mr. Mylne."
- 35.** Letter. John Woodward (London St.) to M. R. Boulton (Soho). 10 Feb. 1798.
Docketed "Not important."
- 36.** Letter. John Woodward (London St.) to Boulton & Watt (Soho). 20 Feb. 1798.
Docketed "Bowen & Sutton's engine purchased by Mr. Hugh Lecky. His reasons for an abatement of the premium."
- 37.** Letter. John Woodward (London St.) to Boulton & Watt (Soho). 9 Mar. 1798.
Docketed "Mr. Lecky's determination to suspend working the engine till he has more machinery completed. Mistake in Lingard & Co.'s account."
- 38.** Letter. John Woodward (London St.) to Boulton & Watt (Soho). 16 Mar. 1798.
Docketed "Wilkinson & Baker's account. Rudge's time. Glenny's disregard of his applications. Mr. Lambton's steward ditto."
- 39.** Letter. John Woodward (London St.) to Gregory Watt (Soho). 3 Jul. 1798.
Docketed "Foulds on Shadwell. Shakespear at Coslett's. Dividend of Abraham & Co."
- 40.** Letter. John Woodward (London St.) to Boulton & Watt (Soho). 4 Jul. 1798.
Docketed as 8 Jul: "List of engines needing repairs. Dayus' request for help."
- 41.** Letter. John Woodward (London St.) to Boulton & Watt (Soho). 10 Jul. 1798.
Docketed "Arrival of Gifford's materials. Ditto of Shadwell ditto. Agreement of Lambton's trustees. Believed Sir John Eamer had left his at Birmingham."
- 42.** Letter. John Woodward (London St.) to Boulton & Watt (Soho). 13 Jul. 1798.
Docketed "Sends Coslett's and Wilkinson & Co.'s agreements. Sir John Eamer's mislaid his. Proceedings of the engineers."
- 43.** Letter. John Woodward (London St.) to Boulton & Watt (Soho). 17 Jul. 1798.
Docketed "John Price's arrival. Business about which he employed. Woodward's intended disposal of John Price."
- 44.** Letter. John Woodward (London St.) to M. R. Boulton (Soho). 24 Jul. 1798.
Docketed "Sir John Eamer's deeds. Dividends of J. Abraham & Co. Gifford's drawings wanted. Shadwell Water Works ditto ditto."
- 45.** Letter. John Woodward (London St.) to Boulton & Watt (Soho). 26 Jul. 1798.
Docketed "Rudge's arrival. Foulds' report concerning the Shadwell Water Works. Shakespear's wish to be informed the length of time he is to continue in London."

- 46.** Letter. John Woodward (London) to Boulton & Watt (Soho). 14 Aug. 1798.
Docketed "Mr. Mylne's detection of piracy. Offer of evidence. Arrival of drawings. State at Shadwell. John Price and Rudge at Gifford's. Sutton's pipes sent to Newcastle."
- 47.** Letter. John Woodward (London St.) to Boulton & Watt (Soho). 22 Aug. 1798.
Docketed "Has seen Simister and found his story to correspond with the one told Boulton & Watt. Dayus has given Simister temporary employment."
- 48.** Letter. John Woodward (London) to Gregory Watt (Soho). 28 Aug. 1798.
Docketed "Rudge quarrelled with Mr. Packer. Simister sent there. Simister's affairs. Things wanted."
- 49.** Letter. John Woodward (London St.) to James Watt Jr. (Soho). 4 Sep. 1798.
Docketed "Weston's opinion of Simister's case. Simister's intended allowance to wife. His proceedings."
- 50.** Letter. John Woodward (London) to James Watt Jr. (Soho). 5 Oct. 1798.
Docketed "Coslett's engine set to work. Gifford's to be completed in 14 days. Price gives satisfaction at Shadwell. Ready to set off on Sunday."
- 51.** Letter. John Woodward (London St.) to James Watt Jr. (Soho). 24 Oct. 1798.
Docketed "Respecting Simister. Time of starting Gifford's double engine."

3/368 John Woodward, 1799-1800

(53 items)

- 1.** Letter. John Woodward (London St.) to James Watt Jr. (Soho). 26 Mar. 1799.
Docketed "Drafts paid by Mr. Coslett. Farther arrangements with that gentleman. Intelligence of a person resembling Pearson."
- 2.** Letter. John Woodward (London St.) to James Watt Jr. (Soho). 29 Mar. 1799.
Docketed "Proposes escorting Pearson to Soho himself. Small balance paid him by Col. Teasdale."
- 3.** Letter. John Woodward (London St.) to James Watt Jr. (Soho). 16 Apr. 1799.
Docketed as 15 Apr: "Has taken Fish & Yates' man to assist Dayus."
- 4.** Letter. John Woodward (London St.) to M. R. Boulton (care of Thomas Wilson, Truro). 18 Apr. 1799.
Docketed "Liberation of Dilworth. Fruitless search after Pearson at Woolwich."
- 5.** Letter. John Woodward (London St.) to James Watt Jr. (Soho). 17 May 1799.
Docketed "Mentioning John Barlow."
- 6.** Letter. John Woodward (London St.) to James Watt Jr. (Soho). 9 Jul. 1799.
Docketed "Wishes to visit his friends in Lancashire. Rudge married and wishes to be employed in London."
- 7.** Letter. John Woodward (London St.) to James Watt Jr. (Soho). 18 Jul. 1799.
Docketed "His address at Blackburn. State of London engines. Rennie's bill. Sundry commissions executed for James Watt Jr."
- 8.** Letter. John Woodward (Blackburn) to James Watt Jr. (Soho). 5 Aug. 1799.
Docketed "Coming to Soho."
- 9.** Letter. John Woodward (13 London St.) to James Watt Jr. (Soho). 20 Aug. 1799.
Docketed "Concerning the men in London. Couldery & Bannister's engine. John Abraham's, where now removed to."

- 10.** Letter. John Woodward (13 London St.) to Gregory Watt (Soho). 30 Aug. 1799.
Docketed "Rudge's behaviour. Best & Co.'s engine. Pryor & Co. craving indulgence."
- 11a.** Letter. John Woodward (London St.) to Boulton & Watt (Soho). 12 Oct. 1799.
Enclosing (b) below.
Docketed "Estimate wanted for Mr. Lloyd. Lecky. Best & Co. began working in Feb. 1798."
- b.** Account. Boulton & Watt debtors to Mynd & Fearon. 31 Dec. 1798.
Bill for coals etc.
- 12.** Letter. John Woodward (London St.) to James Watt Jr. (Soho). 18 Oct. 1799.
Docketed "Respecting Best & Co."
- 13a.** Letter. John Woodward (London St.) to James Watt Jr. (Soho). 24 Oct. 1799.
Enclosing (b) below. Docketed "Enclosing character of William Lancaster."
- b.** Memorandum. Address and particulars of the career of William Lancaster.
- 14.** Letter. John Woodward (13 London St.) to James Watt Jr. (Soho). 29 Oct. 1799.
Docketed "Interview with Best & Co. of Chatham. Character of Mr. Nickells of Dublin."
- 15a.** Letter. John Woodward (London St.) to James Watt Jr. (Soho). 1 Nov. 1799.
Enclosing (b) below. Docketed "Doubts of Mr. Philpott's credit. Letter from Simister respecting John Pearson. Mr. Boulton's interview with Lancaster."
- b.** Letter. John Simister (—) to John Woodward (13 London St.). 31 Oct. 1799.
- 16.** Letter. John Woodward (London St.) to M. R. Boulton (Soho). 5 Nov. 1799.
Docketed "Measures taken for the apprehension of Pearson."
- 17.** Letter. John Woodward (13 London St.) to M. R. Boulton (Soho). 6 Nov. 1799.
Docketed "Discovery of Pearson. Compromise with him and promise of forgiveness in consequence of his delivering himself up. Reasons for his levity. Dayus' query in regard to Forster's engine."
- 18.** Letter. John Woodward (London St.) to Boulton & Watt (Soho). 8 Nov. 1799.
Docketed "Enclosing John Pearson's indentures."
- 19.** Letter. John Woodward (London St.) to Boulton & Watt (Soho). 11 Nov. 1799.
Docketed "John Pearson dispatched by the coach. Disbursements incurred in apprehending him."
- 20.** Letter. John Woodward (London St.) to Boulton & Watt (Soho). 15 Nov. 1799.
Docketed "Reflections upon his agreement with John Pearson."
- 21.** Letter. John Woodward (London St.) to Boulton & Watt (Soho). 19 Nov. 1799.
Docketed "Respecting Dayus' interview with Mr. Collier."
- 22.** Letter. John Woodward (London St.) to Boulton & Watt (Soho). 22 Nov. 1799.
Docketed "Mr. Collier waits Mr. Rennie's return before he comes to a determination respecting his proposed order. Misunderstanding in regard to Lancaster's qualifications."
- 23.** Letter. John Woodward (London St.) to Boulton & Watt [Soho]. 26 Nov. 1799.
Docketed "Character of Mr. Sherwin and his employers."
- 24.** Letter. John Woodward (London St.) to Boulton & Watt (Soho). 3 Dec. 1799.
Docketed "Statement of expense of land carriage to Arkley & Co. Lecky out of Town."

- 25.** Letter. John Woodward (13 London St.) to Boulton & Watt (Soho). 14 Jan. 1800.
Docketed "About Pryor & Co.'s payment. Boulter Morgam & Co.'s engine revived. Enquiry concerning it."
- 26.** Letter. John Woodward (London St.) to Boulton & Watt (Soho). 22 Jan. 1800.
Docketed "Mentions a boy (Wilson) who wishes to engage with us."
- 27.** Letter. John Woodward (London St.) to James Watt Jr. (Soho). 21 Feb. 1800.
Docketed "Advice of his having forwarded our clothes and books."
- 28.** Letter. John Woodward (London St.) to Boulton & Watt (Soho). 28 Mar. 1800.
Docketed "Wants estimates of 6 and 8 horse engines for Mr. Thomas Cooper."
- 29.** Letter. John Woodward (13 London St.) to Gregory Watt (Soho). 18 Apr. 1800.
Docketed "Lecky's application."
- 30.** Letter. John Woodward (London St.) to Gregory Watt (Soho). 22 Apr. 1800.
Docketed "Indulgence granted to Lecky."
- 31.** Letter. John Woodward (London St.) to M. R. Boulton (Soho). 22 Apr. 1800.
Docketed "Shakespear's complaint that his wages are insufficient for his support."
- 32.** Letter. John Woodward (London St.) to Boulton & Watt (Soho). 26 Apr. 1800.
Docketed "Wanting an estimate for Mr. John Clark."
- 33.** Letter. John Woodward (13 London St.) to M. R. Boulton (Soho). 13 May 1800.
Docketed "Has received Shakespear's new articles. Shakespear finished at Forster's. To be employed at Craven & Bowman's. Rudge nearly finished at Arkley & Childs."
- 34.** Letter. John Woodward (London St.) to Boulton & Watt (Soho). 16 May 1800.
Docketed "Enclosing Shakespear's articles. Philpott objects to Rudge being employed about his engine."
- 35.** Letter. John Woodward (London St.) to Boulton & Watt (Soho). 20 May 1800.
Docketed "Dayus at Philpott's. Progress by Shakespear at Craven & Co. Arkley & Childs not yet at work. Rudge has not misbehaved there."
- 36a.** Letter. John Woodward (13 London St.) to Boulton & Watt (Soho). 30 May 1800.
Enclosing (b) below.
Docketed "Enclosing letter from Mr. Philpott who objects to employing Varley and wants his shaft."
- b.** Letter. Thomas Philpott (Chatham) to John Woodward (London St.). 29 May 1800.
- 37.** Letter. John Woodward (London St.) to Boulton & Watt (Soho). 3 Jun. 1800.
Docketed "Fire at Philpott's. Difficulty of employing all the men."
- 38.** Letter. John Woodward (London St.) to Boulton & Watt (Soho). 6 Jun. 1800.
Docketed "Affairs at Philpott's. Varley to be employed there. Occupation for Rudge."
- 39.** Letter. John Woodward (London St.) to Boulton & Watt (Soho). 7 Jun. 1800.
Docketed "Matters being accommodated with Philpott – has supplied M. R. Boulton's letter. The goods for Spain expected tomorrow."
- 40.** Letter. John Woodward (13 London St.) to Boulton & Watt (Soho). 10 Jun. 1800.
Docketed "Goods for Spain arrived and will be shipped in a few days. Varley at Chatham. Rudge at Lambeth."
- 41.** Letter. John Woodward (London St.) to Boulton & Watt (Soho). 17 Jun. 1800.
Docketed "Bills received from Lecky. Varley detained by Dayus."

- 42.** Letter. John Woodward (13 London St.) to Boulton & Watt (Soho). 27 Jun. 1800.
Docketed "Pryor & Co.'s fire. Reparation of their goods. Wishes to engage Giles Bush."
- 43.** Letter. John Woodward (London St.) to Boulton & Watt (Soho). 1 Jul. 1800.
Docketed "Arkley & Child demur about paying the extra charge on their engine."
- 44a.** Letter. John Woodward (London St.) to Boulton & Watt (Soho). 31 Jul. 1800.
With (b) below. Docketed "Wishes to know what will be allowed Arkley & Child for their cold water pump."
- b.** Note. Value of Arkley & Child's cold water pump.
- 45.** Letter. John Woodward (London St.) to Gregory Watt (Soho). 19 Aug. 1800.
Docketed "Result of his enquiries respecting Robinson."
- 46.** Letter. John Woodward (London St.) to Gregory Watt (Soho). 22 Aug. 1800.
Docketed "Thinks the man he traced to Philpott's the same who applied to us."
- 47a.** Letter. John Woodward (London St.) to Boulton Watt & Co. (Soho). 31 Oct. 1800.
Enclosing (b) below. Docketed "Enclosing a note from Mr. St. Croix."
- b.** Note. Request for an estimate of an engine from Mr. — St. Croix of Homerton, near Hackney. 31 Oct. 1800.
- 48.** Letter. John Woodward (London St.) to Boulton Watt & Co. (Soho). 6 Nov. 1800.
*The outside of the letter is addressed to James Watt Jr.
Docketed "Doubts of Mr. St. Croix. Meeting of Committee of Isle of Dogs."*
- 49.** Letter. John Woodward (13 London St.) to Boulton Watt & Co. (Soho). 11 Nov. 1800.
Docketed "John Poole desirous of entering into articles. Specification of terms. Agreement wanted."
- 50.** Letter. John Woodward (London St.) to Boulton Watt & Co. (Soho). 18 Nov. 1800.
Docketed "Enclosing plan and letter from Mr. Martin. Nothing more of St. Croix. Isle of Dogs payment deferred. John Poole's articles received."
- 51.** Letter. John Woodward (London St.) to Boulton & Watt (Soho). 25 Nov. 1800.
Docketed "Enclosing articles of John Poole."
- 52.** Letter. John Woodward (London St.) to Boulton Watt & Co. (Soho). 9 Dec. 1800.
Docketed "Enclosing receipt to London Dock Committee for the separate signatures of the co-partners."
- 53.** Letter. John Woodward (13 London St.) to Boulton Watt & Co. (Soho). 10 Dec. 1800.
Docketed "Mr. Glenny's disregard of James Weston's application. Waits our further instructions respecting him."

3/369 John Woodward, 1804

(10 items)

- 1.** Letter. John Woodward (13 London St.) to Boulton Watt & Co. (Soho). 1 Jun. 1804.
Docketed "London Dock Company want their account. Mr. Wolters requires estimate."
- 2.** Letter. John Woodward (13 London St.) to James Watt Jr. (Soho). 3 Jul. 1804.
Docketed "Terms of selling quicksilver wholesale."
- 3.** Letter. John Woodward (13 London St.) to Boulton Watt & Co. (Soho). 4 Jul. 1804.
Docketed "Has delivered accounts to Phyn Inglis & Co. and to Manning Anderton & Co. Wishes to have a fortnight's relaxation in the country. Has stated to Mr. Lack the circumstances of Mr. Fulton's applications."

4. Letter. John Woodward (13 London St.) to Boulton Watt & Co. (Soho). 7 Jul. 1804.
This letter was re-directed to the "House", presumably Soho House.
Docketed "Expects the iron work from Falmouth Water Works will be landed in a few days.
Has delivered our letter to Mr. Hammond who is satisfied about Mr. Fulton. Copy of his letter
to Peckover & Bellamy. Encloses certificate of payment of James Watt & Co.'s income tax."
5. Letter. John Woodward (13 London St.) to Boulton Watt & Co. (Soho). 10 Jul. 1804.
Docketed "Varley arrived in London. Turner's engine started. Dayus at Dartford starting Mr.
Wilkes' engine. Returns James Watt & Co.'s certificate of assessment.
- 6a. Letter. John Woodward (13 London St.) to Boulton Watt & Co. (Soho). 31 Jul. 1804.
Enclosing (b) below. On the same sheet:
Transcript of letter. John Borkwood for Peckover Bellamy & Co. (Wisbech) to John
Woodward. 13 Jul. 1804.
Docketed "With letter from Peckover & Bellamy respecting payment of their freight."
- b. Letter (press copy). John Woodward for M. R. Boulton J. & G. Watt & Co. (London St.) to
Peckover Bellamy & Co. (Wisbech). 10 Jul. 1804.
7. Letter. John Woodward (13 London St.) to Boulton Watt & Co. (Soho). 3 Aug. 1804.
Docketed "Encloses invoice of 2 bullions quicksilver. A German merchant offers the old brass
guns of Lubeck at 13^d per cwt. [?]."
- 8a. Letter. John Woodward (13 London St.) to Boulton Watt & Co. (Soho). 6 Aug. 1804.
Enclosing (b) below.
Docketed "Encloses copy of his reply to Peckover & Bellamy. Dios Santos & Co. cannot
agree to Pearson's wife going with him. Convoy to sail on Saturday. Jamaica packet on
Friday. Cannot say how Varley is engaged at present."
- b. Letter (press copy). John Woodward (London) to John Borkwood (Wisbech).
7 Aug. 1804. 2 sheets.
9. Letter. John Woodward (13 London St.) to Boulton Watt & Co. (Soho). 27 Sep. 1804.
Docketed "Permission to draw for amount of Chelsea Water Works account."
10. Letter. John Woodward (13 London St.) to Boulton Watt & Co. (Soho). 29 Sep. 1804.
Docketed "Falmouth Water Works goods arrived. Queries about the shipment of them."

MS 3147/3/370-384: Incoming Correspondence and Papers:
General Correspondence, 1775-1785

Typescript listings from Black Binder for MS 3147/3/370-404

3/370 General Correspondence, A (11 items)

The bundles of General Correspondence contain letters from engine customers, carriers who were transporting parts for Boulton & Watt, firms to whom Boulton & Watt subcontracted work, engine erectors, and people making general enquiries about engines. There are also occasional memoranda and accounts. Several references to the sale of copying presses will also be found in these letters.

Very few of the docketed give summaries of the contents. Therefore the majority of the letters have been summarised.

1. Letter. Francis Agard (Nottingham) to Boulton & Watt (Soho). 7 Oct. 1784.
Has heard of James Pickard's steam-powered corn mill and Boulton & Watt's plans to build
one in London. His plans to construct one in Nottingham. How much would an engine cost.

2. Letter. Ebenezer Aldred (Wakefield) to Boulton & Watt (Birmingham). 9 Jul. 1783.
Docketed "Dimentions of a fulling mill."
3. Letter. Ebenezer Aldred (Wakefield) to Boulton & Watt (Birmingham). 3 Nov. 1784.
Would like to convert his engine to rotative motion. Thinks there is a great chance for introducing Boulton & Watt engines in the area.
4. Letter. Ebenezer Aldred (Wakefield) to Boulton & Watt (Birmingham). 13 Nov. 1784.
Has been told by Thomas Fenton's engineer John Lister that Boulton & Watt's rotative motion requires a double-powered engine. Can Boulton & Watt inform him of their terms for a new cylinder. Lister says he can do the work, and thinks that Boulton & Watt might sell him the engine they made for the model corn mill.
5. Letter. Gavin Allanson (Bristol) to James Watt [Birmingham]. 22 Sep. 1776.
*Docketed "Prices of cast work at Bristol."
List of prices charged by Mr. Jones, an iron founder in Bristol. James Cross was sorry he did not meet James Watt.*
6. Letter. J. Towers Allen (London) to Matthew Boulton (Birmingham). 3 Dec. 1782.
*Docketed "About engine for the Fens."
Is involved in the drainage of a large area of Fenland. Asks for details and costs of a steam engine.*
7. Letter. Thomas Allingham (London) to Boulton & Watt [Soho]. 2 Aug. 1784.
Asks for details and costs of an engine to work a forge hammer and a slitting mill.
- 8a. **Letter.** Thomas Allingham (London) to Boulton & Watt [Soho]. 11 Sep. 1784.
*Kept with (b) below.
James Watt has made notes for his reply at the end of Allingham's letter. Has seen a Boulton & Watt engine at Goodwyn & Co., brewers. Would like to know as exactly as possible the cost of an engine to work a 5 cwt. hammer making 120 blows per minute. Has also been recommended to use a Boulton & Watt engine for his forge.*
- b. Letter (press copy). James Watt (Birmingham) to Thomas Allingham (London).
13 Sep. 1784.
Details of the cost of an engine with a 24 inch cylinder and 6ft. stroke. Details of the cost of the premium and the coals it will consume. Has not calculated for the engine being used to blow the hearth.
9. Letter. Samuel Allwood (Nottingham) to Matthew Boulton (Soho). 13 May 1782.
Applies for a post doing turning and millwright work. Has worked for Matthew Boulton previously as an apprentice. Can provide references from several gentlemen in Nottingham.
10. Letter. Andrews Prinatt & Maud (London) to Boulton & Watt (Soho). 7 Jan. 1782.
Have received Boulton & Watt's bill of exchange on William Matthews for £25.3.6.
11. Letter. Anthony Atkinson Jr. (Hull) to Boulton & Watt [Soho]. 2 Jun. 1784.
*Docketed as 2 May. Docketed "About Mr. Osbourne's cylinder bottom."
There is no need to send the cylinder bottom by land as the engine is working well. Will ask Mr. Osbourne to write about the premium when he returns.*