

MS 3147/11

**BOULTON & WATT AND SUCCESSOR FIRMS**

**MISCELLANEOUS NON-ENGINEERING BUSINESS MATERIAL**

**1761—CIRCA 1850s**

LIST

**Letters and Papers**

1. Two indentures of employees to James Watt – James Dunshie and John McLean, 3 Dec. 1761 (2 items).
2. Miscellaneous private letters of James Watt, 1768—1769 (4 items).\*
3. Letters, in French, from Jean de Luc to James Watt, Dec. 1782—Sep. 1784, 17 Aug. 1797 (20 items).
4. James Watt's correspondence and papers about dephlogisticated air, 1783—1784 (29 items).
5. Matthew Boulton, incoming general business letters, Dec. 1783—Feb. 1784.\*
6. Remarks on silver – standards for silver plate etc. 1787 (1 item).
7. Copies of *Supplement to the Description of a Pneumatic Apparatus for preparing Factitious Airs; containing a description of a Simplified Apparatus and a Portable Apparatus*, James Watt, Birmingham, 1796 (38 items).
8. Packet of miscellaneous plates, drawings and sketches of James Watt's pneumatic apparatus, circa 1796 (16 items).
9. "The Soho Volunteers letter" – letter from Lieutenant-General Grinfield to the Office Commanding the Corps of Volunteers, Soho, returning thanks for their services, 5 Aug. 1798 (1 item).
10. Letter from Gregory Watt to William Withering Jr., 20 Aug. 1804, with Withering's note on Gregory Watt's death (1 item).

**Papers and Sketches by William Creighton**

11. Press copies – mineralogy of Cornwall, remarks on maps of Scotland, Ireland etc., 1797—1819 (27 pages).

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- 12. Scrapbook of sketches, engravings of buildings, series of portraits of society figures of 1774 etc. (1 item).
- 13. Small sketches of an engine house, house facades for Soho House [?], not dated (7 items).

**Birmingham General Hospital.**

- 14. Annual Reports and lists of subscribers, 1801—1805 (4 items).
- 15. Blank out-patient and in-patient certificates, 1805—1806 (4 items).
- 16. Engraving of Sir Joshua Reynolds' portrait of John Ash, M.D., founder of and first physician to the General Hospital (1 item).

**Birmingham Dispensary**

- 17. Annual Reports and lists of subscribers 1803—1806 (3 items).

**Miscellaneous Items**

- 18. Printed letters by William Russell, James Keir and an "inhabitant of Birmingham" about the Birmingham Riots, Jul. 1791 (4 items).
- 19. Abstract of title to the Dadney estate, Bridstow, Herefordshire, property of Mr. George Mynd, deceased – transcripts of deeds etc. from 1712 to 1796 (1 item).
- 20. Printed sheet – "The following Solemn Musical Service was sung at the Funeral of Matthew Boulton, Esq. August 24, 1809" (1 item).
- 21. Keys to James Pearson's counting house, Soho Manufactory, and James Watt's tomb, Handsworth Church (2 items).
- 22. General Board of Health – Minutes of Instructions for the use of Local Boards of Health, with reference to the Powers and Duties of such Boards and of their Officers, printed pamphlet, 1850s [?].
- 23. Volume of cream coloured 'blotting paper' with blue paper cover and printed title of 'The Drying Book' pasted on the front. Inside the volume is one small piece of copy press paper, possibly in James Watt jr.'s handwriting, with details of an [unnamed] engineer's contract to work for the 'Löbliche Kammer'. n.d. [?1820s]

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OLD REFERENCES

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12. Scrapbook of sketches, engravings of buildings, series of portraits of society figures of 1774 etc. [**B&W Box 25/20**]
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