Thomas Pennant to David Skene

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Dear Sir

I forget how the epistolary debts are between us but for fear of error on my side write to enquire how your health, and what acquisitions you make in your collection. I have had your molluscs drawn; and wish much for one of those long-legged sea insects to preserve it by a figure. When you and Mr. Oglevie have settled the address of the box I am to send, I will do my best to collect our ores, &c. for you. I cannot get the snake yet: it would make a good figure in *my Tour*, could it be procured but let me beg its description. Have you yet got my icons of B$^{r.}$ A$^{n.}$ [1]

I am Dear Sir
your faithful humble Servant

Tho. Pennant
May 22$^{nd.}$ 1770.

Editorial Notes

[1] Likely a reference to engravings in Aylett Sammes, *Britannia antiqua illustrata, or, The antiquities of ancient Britain, derived from the Phoenicians*, (London: 1676).