Thomas Pennant to David Skene

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Dear Sir

I give you many thanks for your kind favor and for your agreable intelligence: be assured that I have not forgot my promise; I should be ashamed to be unmindful of your favors so far as to neglect you without some shew of reason. I have begun the list of the ores &c. I mean to send. I only waited till the gentleman who is to paint your birds; has restored them to me that I may not be worse than my word but return them safely to you. My next letter will bring you the catalogue; and advice that the box is set off: You must wait with a little patience, as I am to set off to morrow on a Tour through the Welsh Alps a country I am sorry to say far inferior in point of grandeur to the Highlands.

I am now printing *my synopsis of Quadrupeds* which is to appear next winter: and much about the same time my second and last part of *Br. Zool. illustrated &c*. to consist of the same number of plates with the first. I shall do myself the of sending it as soon as it appears.

Please to make my compliments to M$^{r.}$ Oglevie and let him know I shall soon do myself the pleasure of writing to him.

I am with true regard Dear Sir
Your obliged and
faithful humble Servant

Tho. Pennant
Aug. 12$^{th.}$ 1770.