

Thomas Pennant to Richard Bull

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Downing July 13th. 1781.

Dear Sir

The plague of attendance on the military government called militia has so engrossed me that I could not attend sooner to y^r [your] most obliging favor. my best thanks attend Miss Bulls¹ for their useful communication:² M^{rs} Pennant freely entrusts me to the tuition of y^r [your] fair daughters & I hope to profit by their lessons.

Moses is now on the point of becoming an absolute housekeeper & to work on his own account unless when employed by me. he charges for the drawing of

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Bangor	0.	8.	0
Owl	0	2	6
Wynnstay	0	5.	0
Arms	0	1	6
		17.	0

Things of more work he must have more for. single arms 14^d. with quarters or coronets 18^d. He shall observe all y^r [your] directions.

I should not sleep very easy over such materials for a powder plot as you do.³ if you take a flight: the worst I wish that you & yours may light safe before my door. I am

Dear Sir

most faithfully y^{rs} [yours]

Th. [Thomas] Pennant.

Snowdon arrived safely: & will soon be made as fine as Moses can make it. Y^r [your] parcel was sent long ago. & I hope you sent for it to M^{rs} Pennant upper Grosvenour street

Editorial Notes

¹ Elizabeth and Catherine Bull, and, possibly, Levinia Luther.

² A direct communication from Bull's daughters, Elizabeth and Catherine, regarding techniques of extra-illustration is suggested here, but it does not appear to have survived.

³ This may refer to anxieties about a repeat of the Gordon Riots of June 1780, when London was subjected to six days of mob rule, before Lord George Gordon (1751–93), widely seen as leader of the protest, was arrested and charged with high treason. Hist P.