

Thomas Pennant to Richard Bull

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Dear Sir

Robson has layed by for you a large paper copy of my *arctic Zoology*:¹ but is at a loss about the conveyance. Please to inform me & He shall obey y^r[*your*] orders. I am already busied in enriching *my own copy*. one means is by buying a most neat pyrated edition of book in oct^{vo}[*octavo*] 1.5.0. & inserting in it the prints relative to the subject. if you chuse it I will send you a copy or do any other Commission which you may have forgot. A young man is now copying most picturesque views in nova scotia for the purpose of illustration if you wish it, He may Copy some from mine.² he is reasonable.

I hope you enjoy sunshine & warm banks. we are chilled between the walls of this city: but my amusements congenial with yours keeps my blood in motion.

I beg you would present my best complim^{ts}[*compliments*] to miss Bulls³ &

think me Dear Sir

Most truely y^{rs}[*yours*]

Tho.[*Thomas*] Pennant
 Upper Brook Street March 9th 1783.

I continue here till the 10th.

Stamp: (postmark) 9 MR

To Richard Bull Esq^r[*Esquire*] | at Northcot House | Isle of Wight⁴

Editorial Notes

¹ Since Pennant's *Arctic zoology* was not published until 1784, this would appear to refer to a limited edition available to the author and close associates such as Bull in advance of the work's publication. Note, however, that Pennant refers later in this letter to a 'pyrated edition' of the book as well, which suggests that it was more widely available than would be expected in advance of its formal publication. On the publication date of *Arctic zoology*, see further Thomas Pennant to David Pennant, 20 January 1784: 'I have almost printed my arctic zoology'. WCRO, CR 2017/TP429/17.

² Nova Scotia is frequently mentioned in *Arctic zoology*, but neither the young man mentioned here nor his views of the region have been identified.

³ Elizabeth and Catherine Bull.

⁴ After 1783, Richard Bull began using North Court, in the parish of Shorwell on the Isle of Wight, as his country residence, purchasing the property in 1795. Evans, 'Richard Bull and Thomas Pennant', 271.