

Thomas Pennant to Richard Bull

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Downing Nov^r[*November*] 21. 1783.

Dear Sir

I inclose Moses's Portrait by himself. he thinks himself highly flattered by y^r[*your*] attention – He also sends his bill as you desired. I see that M^r Grose advertises his work in oct^{vo}[*octavo*]. so that I can beuy what numbers I like without troubling you. But my mind still turns on the Jail scene the frontespiece to M^r Haily's Poem to M^r Howard. I write in great haste as we are going eighteen miles to dinner. I with M^r Fitzmaurice comptroller of a hunt M^{rs} Pennant with his Lady. This is quite reluctantly: but my regard for M^r Fitz.. whom~~it~~ a party is trying to run down, urges me to make my appearance.¹ I beg to have a little news especially about stocks & taxes, & shall rejoice to have a cordial from you this gloomy month.

I am Dear Sir
most truely y^{rs}[*yours*]

T[*Thomas*] Pennant.

M^r White has a parcel coming down, so will receive any trifles you may have.

Editorial Notes

¹ Fitzmaurice's predicament at this time was probably linked to his involvement in a private lawsuit against William Davies Shipley for publishing a seditious libel. A hearing at the Denbighshire grand sessions in Wrexham in September 1783 was postponed and the case removed in March 1784 to the king's bench, before being finally decided in Shipley's favour at the Shrewsbury assizes in August 1784. ODNB s.n. William Davies Shipley.