

Thomas Pennant to Richard Bull

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Dear Sir

Downing Febr. 22^d. 1784.

You lay me under fresh obligations not only by the print of L^d Herbert¹ & others contained in the Box sent to Moses: but by the genteel & beautiful present you made him. He has the most grateful sense of it: & [illegible] offers his best acknowledgements. It came only last night. The delay was owing to the neglect of my carrier.

In the P.S. is a translation of Glyndwr's verses² You will see that there is not much in them. In p [illegible] vol II. is as full an account as I could give of Pistill Rhaid³ I am very happy in a print you sent me of that waterfall.

As you are silent about the house I gave you an account of I suspect it is not to your purpose. I wish it may be so for I have since learned that it is quite unfurnished. I shall be sorry [illegible] should you have changed your mind about Wales for many reasons. one is that I have an offer of another house ready furnished, & a place you very as well acquainted with by description or Moses & I are bunglers. see *Tower p. 399 of welsh tour vol. I.*⁴ It belongs to a worthy young gentleman who married the heiress but in may is going to reside at his own house, Leeswood see p. [illegible] the same.⁵ I shall not put this letter⁶

Editorial Notes

¹ Bull may have sent a print of one of the several 'Herberts' named in Pennant, *A tour in Wales* (2nd edn., 1784), II, pp. 121, 368, 373, 374, 378, 379. No images of any of these men appear in Pennant's extra-illustrated volumes of *A tour in Wales*.

² The postscript has not been preserved with the manuscript letter. This description given of its contents may indicate that it contained the cywydd, 'Eryr digrif afrifed / Owain &c', by Gruffudd Llwyd ap Dafydd ab Einion Lygliw. See Rhiannon Ifans, *Gwaith Gruffudd Llwyd a'r Llygliwiaid Eraill* (Aberystwyth, 2000), no. 11. It was translated by Richard Williams, Fron, for inclusion in *A tour in Wales* (2nd edn., 1784), Advertisement, pp. 334–8.

³ For Pennant's account of Pistyll Rhaeadr, see *A tour in Wales* (2nd edn., 1784), II, p. 350–1.

⁴ Tower, near Mold, Flintshire, is described as stated by Pennant in *A tour in Wales 1770 [1773]* (1778), I, pp. 399–400.

⁵ Leeswood was the property of the Eyton family. *A tour in Wales 1770 [1773]* (1778), I, pp. 401.

⁶ The letter breaks off here.