

Thomas Pennant to Richard Bull

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Dear Sir

Downing May 14th 1784.

I cannot but regret the loss of you in Town next winter. your absence is an aggravation of other similar misfortunes: some by the irreparable one of death but I trust you & yours will be safely restored to me. Be so good as to point out your route for ~~lyou~~ you can never be out of the way for my little views. I am sorry you had so much trouble about M^r Cordiners views.¹ as they cannot be disposed of, Be so good as to cause them to be left at M^r Mazels N^o 41. Drury Lane. Moses is laboring hard for you. Please to name the very last day [illegible] you can permit him to keep the book.² it shall be sent on y^r order. [illegible] You shall have a list of what is undone; that you may leave guards in y^r books & insert whatsoever you please, hereafter. In your absence he shall work for you with the same zeal as if you was in England. You, M^r Panton of Lincolns Inn & your humble serv^t shall divide him between us.

Considering the madness of the times, I wonder not that you leave this once too happy country.³ I fear the event of this new parlement's assembling.⁴ Opposition is desperate, & I fear passion will get the better of the love of Country: & that we shall have endless confusion. I like not the zeal of the scots for the old ministry.⁵ They snuff the musky air & seem ready to join the birds of prey.

My best wishes & compliments attend Miss Bulls:⁶ may their voyage be happy & prosperous!

adieu

Y^{rs} most truly

T Pennant

Be so good as to name & return the inclosed prints.⁷ Pray have you any useless prints of N. americans, Greenlanders, eskimoan or Samoieds? excuse this & the other inclosed.

Editorial Notes

¹ See [1038](#).

² This is probably Bull's copy of *A tour in Wales 1770 [1773]* (1778), discussed in [1038](#).

³ Bull and his daughters (see end of letter) were clearly planning a voyage abroad at this time.

⁴ On 18 May 1784. See [1038](#).

⁵ The Fox-North coalition.

⁶ Elizabeth and Catherine Bull.

⁷ No enclosures survive with the manuscript letter.