

Thomas Pennant to Richard Bull

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Dear Sir

It is with no small chagrin that I find you persevere in your silence: the only consolation I had was a letter some time ago from M^r Burel which informed me of y^r welfare & that the invalid of y^r family was on the recovery: but let me have the satisfaction of having it confirmed from yourself.

At length Moses has begun on the *journey to London*: He works for you & me alternately: nor shall he labor for any one else till it is completed. for a fortnight past we have been clad in snow attended with severe frost. the snow began singularly: it fell without a breath of wind, & by its weighty abundance has done infinite damage to our woods. My pleasure grounds have suffered greatly for the evergreens unable to bear the burden, are dreadfully shattered. Politics warm us with a vengeance: & we are all by the ears about a man who a very short time ago was the detestation of the country & with good cause: but old Cambria is grown frantic, & plays all the pranks of the wildest times, burns her sons in Effigy &c &c. There is more at the bottom of this than is thought, & depend on it the Dean is but an Instrument as many more have been.¹ as to myself; I find myself in the minority at home: but as before, in the majority above. Pray write soon & treat us with the news of the town. I hear that the amorous begin to pair as if it was the warm month of may: & married men quit their nuptial bed to run away with smock faced boys. I hope things will mend before march, or I had best keep in my bottle.

When you see M^r Burel & M^r Storer I request my best compliments. I had a dismal political Letter from the last: but as I had no comfort to give him, have been rude enough not to answer.

I am
 Dear Sir
 most faithfully y^{rs}

T Pennant
 Downing Dec^r 21. 1784.

every good wish of the season attend you & y^{rs}.

I shall be very glad to be favored with the receipt for the making paste, having lost it

Editorial Notes

¹ For Pennant's visual expression of his response to the acquittal of William Davies Shipley for seditious libel, see Peter Lord, *Words with Pictures: Welsh images and images of Wales in the popular press, 1640–1860* (Aberystwyth: Planet, 1995), pp. 75–80.