

Thomas Pennant to Richard Bull

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Dear Sir

As you & I have not much time to lose, I trouble you with a~~illegible~~ immediate Letter of thanks. The ~~dillegible~~ note is received & is a full discharge. As to moses I toke care to settle affairs with him some time ago. He is now out of work for want of the sheets of the arctic Zoology.¹ As you know best how to prepare them for receiving marginal drawings, Be so good as to get as many sheets as are printed, & procure them to be pressed in the manner you treat y^r books & let them be instantly sent by the Chester coach with such parcels that M^rHughs has for me.

As I propose much pleasure from this work, age pressing on, I put the Introduction into the press, that I may enjoy the beautiful illuminations ready for it.² Possibly I never may live to see the *Zoological part* printed. I therefore recommend you to buy a L. P. copy. you may burn the ~~old illegible~~ Introduction belonging to it, & put the Quadrupeds, the Land Birds, & the water fowl into three vols. in boards.³ I can give you many additional p~~illegible~~rints even for those. Do you chuse any views on separate leaves that are too big for the margins for I have some very fine. apropos buy *Phips voy. to Spitzbergen* in sheets as I have. the prints are good & to our purpose. also *Fred. Martens voy to Spitzbergen*.

yr drawing shall be done as you desire. & I shall get one done for myself.⁴ moses is only to work for you & me till this opus magnum is finished.¹

my son wrote last from Perpignan enraptured with the fine line of the Pyrenees before him which he is on the point of passing; & is I hope now safe at Barcelona. He will be at Madrid by June 1. what must I bid him get there for you or me.

I wish I could make your daughters & all the the daughters of the Land comb their heads & keep out of the putrid air of an assembly room, & ill health would soon vanish. But combed or uncombed I wish you & all y^r lineage well.

at y^r leisure be so good as to add to the list of Thane's publications & return it.

Let me not conclude without enquiring after M^r Storer & begging my best wishes may be conveyed to him

Yrs most truly

T Pennant
 Downing Jan 10th
 17878.

when you pass by Turnstile you will be so good as to call on M^r Hughs who will settle the time of sending the sheets.

Marginalia

Along top of first page, in Richard Bull's hand:

S^r. A. Lever

Editorial Notes

¹ This may be a reference to the preparations for a new edition of *Arctic zoology*, featuring the 'Introduction'. See further n. 2, below.

² Pennant may here be signalling the preparation of a new edition of the introductory essay, '*Introduction of the Arctic World*', under the title '*Introduction to the Arctic zoology*'. This eventually became the first volume of the second edition of the work, which was published in 1792.

³ Pennant appears to be advising Bull to purchase a copy of the first edition of *Arctic zoology* (1784–5) to use alongside a new version of the 'Introduction of the Arctic World' (1784) in the absence of a second edition of the entire work, which did not appear until 1792.

⁴ This drawing has not been identified.

Authorial Notes

¹ Although Pennant generally reserved the term 'magnum opus' for his '*Outlines of the Globe*' he may here be referring to work on the '*Introduction of the Arctic World*', which he developed into '*Introduction to the Arctic zoology*', and in which he involved Bull, according to the evidence of this letter. His own copy of the 'Introduction' eventually formed a part of the 'Outlines'.