Richard Bull to Thomas Pennant

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Dear Sir.

friday, just come home from | a visit, some miles off.

When I tell you that I have met with an uncut Copy of *Worseley's Isle of Wight*, which I prefer to a brand one, and that I desire you would have the goodness to accept the one I send herewith, I beg you would not understand it, as if I meant it as the smallest compensation for your bounty to me this winter. – no part of your life can be uninteresting to me, who have been so many years in the habits of receiving ^so much amusement and instruction from your labors, and from your Intelligent mind. – pray send me word who you found, to copy the little work so nicely, that I may pay him for the same, as I understood, It was agreed I should do.

I can't find where Queen Elizabeth's speech you mention is printed, tho' I recollect to have – seen – it:[2] the only By G-d of hers, in my possession, I send you, desiring to have it again because it belongs to my noble authors.[3] I have look'd over 500 views of Hollar, in search of Dortchester, Queenborough & Cowes, but hitherto in vain. – I always imagin'd them common, till I wanted them; but thus it ever is. – M^{r}. Poulter desir'd me to give you the enclos'd, and hopes for your good report of the Scheme, which will do the project a world of service.[4]

remember Sunday, as early as you please, after Eleven, and as late as you please before half an ~~[illegible]~~hour past two.

I am Dear Sir, Sincerely yours.

Rich^{d}: Bull

Editorial Notes

[1] See 1059.

[2] This reference by Bull to his 'authors' may allude to the ancient family of Goldsborough in Yorkshire, to which he was related on his mother's side. Pinkerton, 'Richard Bull of Ongar, Essex', 41.

[3] The enclosure has not been preserved with the manuscript letter. The 'scheme' in question may have been the renewed efforts for gaining subscribers to the Odiham Society of Agriculture and Industry, discussed in a lengthy letter from J. Huntingford to the printer of the *Reading Mercury*, 16 July 1787. Rev. Mr. Poulter of Crawley in the neighbouring county of West Sussex, is listed among the subscribers. Pennant had already been involved: a letter from him was among correspondence 'on practical Agriculture and other subjects ... read, and

referred to the Committee of Correspondence' at a General Meeting of the society on 22 February 1786. See *Reading Mercury*, 13 March 1786.