Thomas Pennant to Richard Bull

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Dear Sir

Downing oct^{r} 31. – 98. but Q^{2}

At Moses's desire I inclose his bill. he says it may appear large: but hopes ~~[illegible]~~when You see his work, it will not appear extravagant. I will pay him all or part as you direct.

I am ~~[illegible]~~ but in poor ~~[illegible]~~ spirits by the loss of my friends, since I wrote last. Tom Hunt a true & constant friend of forty years standing went off rather suddenly three weeks ago. yesterday I heard of the death of M^{r} H~~[illegible]~~[illegible]son another respected friend.[3] London goes more & more empty to me every time I visit it. my own turn ought to be thought of!

In the neighborhood of Wynnstay where I have lately been I heard of a sad reverse in that luxurious house the family reduced to two maid serv^{ts} in the house: & two laborers in the grounds & gardens.[4] The very hops & poultry sold: even to a single Pheasent & single Guinea hen. M^{r} H[illegible] I dare say died very rich. he lived handsomely but with great prudence. his family will demand some of his wealth for he left I think twelve children.

I conclude with my best wishes & assurances of being
Dear Sir
Y^{r}affect friend

Tho. Pennant

Editorial Notes

[1] The year '98' is added with a 'Q' denoting uncertainty in Richard Bull's hand.

[2] This friend, probably of the name of Hudson, has not been identified.

[3] On financial difficulties at Wynnstay in 1787, see 1088.