Thomas Pennant to Richard Bull

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Downing Dec^{r} 31. 1789

That many many happy returns of the season may attend you & y^{rs} is the sincere wish of this house. & may you & miss Bulls[2] find themselves for a long series of years as well as I do at present. apprehensions more than realities occupy me at present. The disorder of last summer which possibly never return ~~I~~You nor I ~~[illegible]~~ mind money much: but there is a sort of habitual ~~[illegible]~~ shabbiness about franks. I venture to write without one, as my wants are urgent. I have finish my *journey to Dover* from hence (in the true Hibernican style) I crossed to ~~[illegible]~~ Calais, before I got there. In short; by reason of my unfortunate loss last year, I finished *France* before I reached Dubris.[3] That done, I determine to give a concise account of the sequel of that Tour made with my son in May 1787. ie. quite to the *lands end*. The isle of Wight will be included. I am therefore to request you in y^{r} walks to desire m^{r} Edwards to send me by the Chester coach. N^{o} 1116 of his *Catalogue* Sir Ric^{d} Worsley.[4] at the same time let me beg y^{r} excuse for desiring you to look at N^{o} 5691 5691 Tableaux &c & see if the~~re~~y are tolerable. I wa~~[illegible]~~nt heads for my *french Tour*: & shall be glad to know if there any small heads of french Kings like those of the english.* Pray add my thanks to m^{r} Edwards for his polite attention to my letter wrote at his own request. In truth the impertinence of Booksellers is among other reasons of taking to an amanuensis. *France* is charmingly doing

Rather than you should cease from honoring my work with y^{r} pasting amusement, I shall freely give you a copy of all I have wr~~rot~~itten ~~from [illegible]~~ or shall write *'from the Temple stairs to the lands end'*. you will look out for a scribe against I come to town, which will ^be ab^{t} March 10th. It will be a work capable of much ornament. excuse this trouble: & think me

Dear Sir
most truely yours

Tho. Pennant.

Moses thought he succeeded so ill with m^{r} Pitt that he w^{d} not charge that head.
*yes many.
[5] N.B. they are charg'd, and paid for. vid: Bill. R^{d} B.

Stamp: (postmark) HOLYWELL; IA 2 90

Richard Bull esq^{r} | stratton street Picadilly | London

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On address sheet, in Richard Bull's hand:

Plan & Elecction | Q. music room at | Holywell burnt 1743 | July 23^{d}.[1]

Editorial Notes

[1] Elizabeth and Catherine Bull.

[2] See 1092, n. 1.

[3] This reference appears to relate to a portrait of Sir Richard Worsley. For a portrait by Joshua Reynolds, 1775/6, see here [accessed 2 April 2019].

[4] This and the following note are in Richard Bull's hand.