

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 Bulls² 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 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 they 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 w^{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

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On address sheet, in Richard Bull's hand:

Plan & Eleccion | 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.