Thomas Pennant to Richard Bull

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Dear Sir

Perhaps I write unseasonably when you will have the noise of a thousand fiddles resting on your ears: but I must write when I can: first to thank you many agreable minutes passed in town: again for your repeated munificence. I had a fine journey to this place. The Prelate of the Garter shewed windsor to perfection. Near the Iron bridge I saw wonders. & after settling long arrears of business public & private, am ~~[illegible]~~now returned to my desk to prepare morsels for futurity. I have wrote my *littoral journal of 1787* as far as the borders of Hamshehire, which I must quit for a few weeks till I can get the great new map from Faden to resume my course with safty. The isle of wight will not be neglected: but it shall new modelled according to my actual visit. entre nous[1] I have had my *litterary life* copied for myself by my young secretary: not less elegantly than that you have. but augmented. If you wish it a copy shall be yours at the price of. 15^{s}. I must insist on y^{r} accepting the first Edition. but this I fling as a perquisite to the lad for such friends I chuse to trust with it. De Buffons voltaire's, Hallers & other heads may serve to adorn it. I find myself greatly relieved by my resolution to leave of publications. By my present ease, I know the load I have flung off.

my Secretary will soon begin to copy my journey of 1787 *from the Temple stairs to Dover*. ~~[illegible]~~He shall do a copy for it: if it agreable; for you are one I ever wish to amuse. Pray let me hear from you soon; & give me an account of y^{r} intended motions. my best complements & wishes attend miss Bull's[2] & yourself.

Adieu
Y^{rs} most truely

T Pennant.
Downing May 29^{th3} - 90

The state of France appears to ^be most miserable: & I think spain in the event will come in for its troubles.

I beg my complim^{ts} to Sir W. Burrel. When you call on him. Be so good as to ask to look at his notes & inform me when Godwood was alienated from the Percises, & how, & was it actually their residence. & how came the Dukes of Richmond by it.[4]

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Editorial Notes

[1] 'between ourselves'.

[2] Elizabeth and Catherine Bull.

[3] possibly added later by Richard Bull:

[4] Goodwood in Sussex was alienated to Henry Walrond by John, Lord Lumley, and his wife, Jane Fitz Alan, in 1584. See Richard Dally, *The Bognor, Arundel and Littlehampton guide, comprising a history of those places, and of the castle of Arundel; ... with a full description of Goodwood house, and of the Roman remains at Bignor* (Chichester: William Mason, 1828), p. 115. The estate was bought by Charles Lennox, first duke of Richmond (1672–1723) in 1697. *ODNB*. The compliments extended to Sir William Burrell, and the remainder of the text of this letter, in Thomas Pennant's hand, appear on the address sheet.