

Thomas Pennant to Richard Bull

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Dear Sir

I hope this will find you & yours safely landed & in full enjoyment of y^r delicious isle. As to myself the excessive heat of the weather has so enervated me that I am far from well.

You will be pleased to add to the Bill 2. 11. 6. for my Secretary's work. It will be sufficient: especially as I give him his time. He has merit so deserves favor: sober, attentive, modest. As to Birds you may have as many as you please; done on thin paper so you may paste them on y^r margins. If you have any persons in y^r isle who know a hawk from a Heronshaw, or in the vulgar from a hand-saw.¹ you may send me a list particularly of the Cliff birds & they may decorate the margins of *Vectis*. My friend near Worcester has Lusty Packington drawn: but at the imposing price of 2.2.0. I must take it: Moses will copy it as well for much less: but will you grudge to share the imposition. It is arrived here yet. I expect y^r parcel on Saturday. I will take care to answer my Sister.

As to Moses his time shall be divided this year between you & me: I must allow now & then a friendly interloper but that will be seldom. I see before new four folio M.S.S. bound in vellum & finely decorated on the outsides by Moses: & three others in half binding & a *northern english Tour*² also in vellum so you will think I have not passed three years in Idleness for that is the space they took up.

When you are at a loss for a franker Pray inclose to Sir Roger Mostyn Bart at Mostyn Flintshire: & use y^r seal of arms that I may distinguish y^r letters.

my Bankers are Gosling &^{co} Fleetstreet: Do not forget to charge the pencils &c &c.

Adieu
 Dear Sir
 Y^{rs} most truly

T. Pennant.
 Downing June 9th 1791.

I hope you will soon send me word that our Fleet is sent into quiet quarters. Pray what authentic news from France?

Editorial Notes

¹ Cf. William Shakespeare, *Hamlet*, Act II, scene ii, line 352.

² This probably refers to 'A Journey taken in 1773, through some of the internal parts of Cheshire, Lancashire, Yorkshire, Westmoreland, and Cumberland, as far as Alston Moor', as described in Pennant's summary of the volumes of his 'Outlines of the Globe' in *HPWaH*, at p. 322. This is numbered as the final volume, no. XXII, in the 'Outlines'. For an extra-illustrated manuscript version of 'From Alston Moor to Harrowgate', the opening of which reads 'I now resume the tour which I had left unfinished at Alston Moor p. 234 of vol. XXII of the Outlines of the Globe', see NLW 12708E.