

Richard Bull to Thomas Pennant

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Dear Sir

North Court Isle of Wight. Nov^r: 9. 1791. -

Half a dozen lines, are better than no answer at all; let me give you my best thanks for your last letter, and express, as well as I can en abregé,¹ my attachment to You.

I had one foot in the Stirrup for Bath, on account of my daughters ill health. She has now rallied again, and we have postpon'd our journey till the Spring Season, if unluckily her complaints should return. I thank Moses for his overtures to colour a set of the *Arctic Zoology* prints for my Book, and I readily adopt his plan, and will allow him what times he pleases for doing the same. has he by him, a set of the prints upon a large paper? and will he like to colour them, and that I should send him mine, when I have an opportunity of doing it? Should he have no set of the prints upon a large paper, I can send down mine to him, but it cannot be till about the middle of the next month, as they are in Stratton Street, and I shall hardly be there much sooner myself.

You seem in a fair way to give Palmer, the set down, he well deserves, and I hope he will profit by your gentle chastisement. We have lived in a whirlwind for this month past, and storm and tempest our potion to drink. one flash of lightening knock'd down four men out of five, who were at plow, in a field not far from us, the men ~~of~~ have since recover'd, but three of the Horses, were left dead upon the spot, and a poney in my yard receiv'd a little shock ~~in~~ my yard [illegible] from the same flash.

Newport has been in an uproar since the day before yesterday, when one of our two Banks there, stop'd payment; the firm was Gregory and Roberts, and we suppose this diminutive spot, as the business now stands, will sustain a loss of £40,000. every body is a sufferer, in some degree. – these are the short, but not the simple Annals of the Isle of Wight.

our best good wishes attend all, of the House of Pennant.
I am Dear Sir, sincerely yours.

Rich^d: Bull -

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[Handwritten (frank)] London Novem^r Nine 1791; Cha^{rl}es. Rainsford

Tho^s: Pennant Esq^r | Downing | Flintshire²

Marginalia

Endorsement in Thomas Pennant's hand at the top of the letter: Answ^d.

Editorial Notes

¹ 'in a shortened form, briefly'.

² The address is given by the writer of the handwritten frank.