

Thomas Pennant to Richard Bull

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Dear Sir

Downing Dec^r 15th 1791

May this find you & yours, safe at y^r fire sides in the capital. I have just escaped with mine from some visits in the vale of Clwyde; & had a narrow escape of being locked up. a lock up abroad is a terrible thing. at home a most comfortable one, for it effectually locks out all impertinancies. I thank you for your letter: in answer I say pray send to me immediately y^r set of prints of *arctic zoology* & they shall be well done. under the nose a new print of myself is engraven:¹ of a small size adapted to our quarto. I have a few proofs shall I paste one on large paper & let mooses ornament it with foliage &c &c.

I see that m^r Pitt & the post office are about something. I wish they may take away the cause of complaint & save me the trouble of pursuing the affair which I will certainly do, otherwise.

Be so good as to get into company with some literary Nabob & ask the title of a book of anquetil de Perron's of his recent travels in India. it is in his journey from Goa to Poonah². It is not in his acc^t of the *Ganges* 2 vol. q^{to} Paris 1786. all the world is growing mad after India. I have just finishd my XIth & XIIth folio volumes of the *outlines of the Globe* which two contain a brief acc^t of Indostan.³ I am now going on the *India extra Gangen & the isles*. I touch not on party for I cannot tell who to believe: but in general the beginning of my creed is Rogues all, Rogues all!

adieu

Y^{rs} most truly

T Pennant

Pray bid Faulder to deliver to you to be sent down with the prints

Woodvilles medical botany. N^o XVI & N^o XXIII et seq.

Dalrymple's indian Reportory. I took the liberty of ordering another small parcel to you.

my best wishes attend Storer & gen. Rainsford.

Stamp: (postmark) DE 17 91

Stamp: (handstamp) HOLYWELL

Richard Bull esq^r | Stratton street | Piccadilly | London

Editorial Notes

¹ The engraving mentioned may be the work of W. Ridley.

² Anquetil-Duperron made the journey from Goa to Poonah and Arengabad in March 1758, not as recently as Pennant's query might suggest. See Robert Orme, *Historical Fragments of the Mogul Empire, of the Morattoes, and of the English Concerns in Indostan; From the Year M.D.C.LIX.* (London: F. Wingrave, MDCCCV [1805]), p. 197.

³ The volumes on Indostan in 'Outlines of the Globe' were later numbered XIV and XV.