

Richard Bull to Thomas Pennant

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My Dear Sir

Stratton Street. December 24. 1791.

I should have given some sort of answer to your letter before this time, if I could have procur'd from the tedious Falder, the parcell I had directed him to send to my house. It is just now gone to the Golden Cross, at Charing Cross, directed to You, at Downing, and I hope will set off by the Monday's Coach, at latest, but before my letter is seal'd, I shall be able to give you more certain information with respect to that Matter.

upon the receipt of your Letter, desiring me to send down my set of the *Arctic Zoology* Prints upon large paper, to be colour'd, I open'd the parcell, which I had never done before, and to my almost despair, I find I have no others, except what you will receive in the packet coming to Downing, and pour Comble de Malheur,¹ the letter press is upon small-paper, or at least upon paper, a great deal smaller, than the *Introduction* perceives me, which is so well illustrated by M^r Gryfyt. how therefore can I contrive to bind them up together, without manifestly injuring the fine large paper *introduction*, by being under the necessity of cutting off some of the Drawings, to reduce that and the *Zoology* to equal size? I know not where to get the body of the *arctic Zoology* upon large paper, nor in truth do I ever remember to have seen a copy upon paper equally large, and fine, as is my *introduction*. take my distress into your consideration, and advise me what to do.

A Sucking Nabob, promiss'd to send me a satisfactory answer respecting *De Perrons travels in India &c.* but he has not yet done it. No body does any thing without being worried again and again, as I mean to do him. accept my blessing, and every good wish to you, and your house, and The Beggars blessing into the Bargain, tho I doubt one part of it will not be of much service either to you, or myself.

I am my Dear Sir, yours always.

Rich^d: Bull

P.S. the parcell goes by to nights mail coach, and the Carriage, and booking together, being 4^s. is paid. -

The ~~Booksell~~Book keeper would not receive it without payment, which seem'd to me quite ^an innovation, and upon no other road requird. I want to be informd whether I ought to have submitted to it. -

Marginalia

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

Editorial Notes

¹ 'to make things worse'.