

Thomas Pennant to Richard Bull

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Dear Sir

Downing Febr 11th 1792.

Moses shall do all that is necessary: but he & I are such bunglers at pasting that we did not dare to undertake it, so gave you the trouble. Many thanks for Lord Cowper: the price is most acceptable though I risque the punishment of a postumous libeller, I must say it will perpetuate his insignificancy.

I am at this time a good deal deranged in my plans by the long continuance of my good sister's illness. such is her hospitality & her munificence: that I know we shall add to her weight of pain by being in town; & she incapable of receiving & seeing us as she was wont to do. I cannot but in gratitude mention her kindness to my son on his return in october. She [illegible] presented him with a new chaise: & settled on him by way of pocket money 400[£] a year. These are such rare instances that they merit record. almost weekly my motives to visit London lessen. the Lady just mentiond is one. the enquiry after another school for my little son Tom a second: I abjure Eton & Westminster: but a larger than that he is at at present must be found. let me not be thought ~~if~~ a flatterer if I say m^r Bull is no small motive. to my journey. my friends fall off apace. one died last sunday: another is struck with a palsy & equally dead to the world. These things sink deep into me: and make wish my retreat as permanent as human duration will admit. I have all that conduces to ease. domestic happiness, increasing fortune; a disposition to contribute part at lest to the public good. ~~Sir R~~ To divert the subject: Sir R.M. leaves the country next week: so how shall I convey double letters to you: if such I have occasion to see. one of Sir Roger's businesses is to marry his second daughter a [illegible] beautiful giantess to little m^r Champnes son of a Baronet a fugitive for debt in foreign parts. Sir R. is a prudent man so I dare say the lover has goo reversions. but to us it seems a comical affair.

Adieu

Y^{rs} most faithfully

Tho. Pennant

Pray what is become of our friend M^r Storer.