

Thomas Pennant to Richard Bull

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Dear Sir

Downing June 16th 92

I truly thank you for your very acceptable & elegant present. I wish much to learn the state of painting in India: As soon as my new friend M^r Hastings is got out of his troubles, I hope to receive full information, for he is both able, & willing: which the mass of the nabobs are neither one or the other. I wish you & yours had faced to the North: but you cannot live but in a gay tempest. I have set to my desk some time amazingly deep in china, that country of wonders. I cannot but say I rejoice to say that I see land: for this year will finish my *magnum opus*, & bring me into port at New Guinea: the final of this vast undertaking.¹

I wish I may get through the isle of wight²: I arrived near Havant two years ago & will make one effort for both our sakes.

our best compliments attend [illegible] the Ladies³ & yourself. I am

Dear Sir

most truly y^{rs}

Tho. Pennant

Pray write soon.

Editorial Notes

¹ Pennant describes work on China and New Guinea, included in volumes *XVII* and *XIX* of his 'Outlines of the Globe'.

² Pennant's '*A journey from Dover to the Isle of Wight*' was to form volume *XXI* of his 'Outlines of the Globe'.

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Elizabeth and Catherine Bull.