

Thomas Pennant to Richard Bull

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Dear Sir

Downing Jan^y. 28th -93

I am rather astonished that I should never think of a great paper copy of *my new London* till you rubbed up my memory. Be so good as to trouble yourself with executing the inclosed commission: & by way of brokerage accept one copy, & keep the other till we meet. It is my intention to keep *my second Edition*. multitudes of heads & views are already pasted in the margins. Those are immoveable: but I shall [illegible] translate the greater heads, & prints into the *newest edition*: Two leaves in the middle of each ^{volume} Edition must be cancell'd to divide the book which will be otherwise too large by itself. This may be done when we meet. otherwise I will cut out & send you the leaves. I shall be in town about march the 20th. my object to put my youngest boy to Hackney: but what I shall do in my evenings I know: every friend I have is gone who w^d give me a social evening.

I am much affected with the accounts you give of the french loyalists. their case is deplorable.¹ The relations really shake my nerves: as to the poor King, his end was heroic, & he died a martyr to savage fury: & as innocent as you or I. As to Egalité he will very soon want a place to lay his head. I wonder at y^r dislike to our new ally Kath: of Russia: for to deal with monsters, what can you select more proper than a monster. But the cause really disturbs my quiet. I resume the quill very unintentionally, merely to drive away the horrible thoughts of murders & every kind of social distress.

I am very sorry for any particular uneasiness you may have felt: but sincerely hope for its speedy removal.

our best compliments & wishes attend miss Bulls² & yourself I remain with true regard, Dear Sir,
 Y^r very affect. friend

Tho. Pennant

As to the handwriting &c it is of no import. one speaking [illegible] trumpet can make as much noise as a hundred voices.³

Editorial Notes

¹ This is a reference to the French Royalist émigrés and their plight, to which Bull gives some attention in his letter of 25 January 1793 ([1162](#)).

²

Elizabeth and Catherine Bull.

³ A reference to Bull's comment on seeing the words 'no war with France' inscribed on doors and walls in London. See [1162](#).