Thomas Pennant to Richard Bull

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Dear Sir

Downing Jan^{y}. 29th 1794

Old men are apt to be peevish: but we must not quarrel. the ballance is in y^{r} favor, so let ~~[illegible]~~s eternally forget the past. At length I have found the long lost part of the arctic zoology,[1] which my son Tom took up last week; Be pleased to send for it to M^{rs} Pennant's upper Grosvenour street.

I pity you for relinquishing any one amusement. I cannot follow y^{r} example but shall always keep something in hand to my last moment. our checks in the military operations, renders, it very necessary to re-animate our countrymen. for that purpose I have revived the bounties for Flintshire seamen for so large a ~~[illegible]~~sum was subscribed in this part of the county that much money remained in hand. which it would be wrong to ~~[illegible]~~ leave useless.[2] you will call me an egotist (I) but true it is that old ~~age~~ 68 sets most things in motion here. on mention of politics I must tell you that Fletcher editor At Chester of the *most virulent paper in Britain* was this week seized & is I hope by this time safe in Newgate. a place not new to him.[3]

I thank you greatly for the Godshill & Newport Tombs.[4] Had Princess Elizabeth died in France her monument w^{d} have been the maws of Kites.

I do believe that moses has not done a single article in y^{r} quadruped part of *arctic zoology*. he has not not even had the lest sense of gratitude. m^{r} Chiswel employs him. in the spring he gave him 10$^{£}$ by way of encouragement; & I fear he will have cause to complain of him. I ~~[illegible]~~ made long ago a codicil~~l~~ to my will leaving 200$^{£}$ in trust for ~~[illegible]~~ Moses's children.[5] his boy a fine child is fit to be put out & I w^{d} advance what is reasonable: but I cannot get him to resolve on anything.

I am much obliged to you for y^{r} kind congratulations on my son's nuptials. he brought home a most beautiful woman: but far more so in her mind. They left me last week to take possession of their pretty house near Wrexham.

I hope miss Bulls[6] enjoy their health.

my best wishes & complim^{ts} attend them. Every good thing attend you. I am with true regard
Dear Sir
faithfully y^{rs}

Tho. Pennant.

I beg my kindest remembrances to M^r^ Storer.

Editorial Notes

[1] This is unlikely to refer to the volume of *Arctic zoology* discussed by Bull in 1174, since that is touched upon later in this letter.

[2] Forty-six men from Flintshire joined the navy in 1793, and the bounty scheme was renewed for 1794. Evans, ‘The Flintshire Loyalist Association', 54–68, esp. 60.

[3] John Fletcher was the owner rather than the editor of the *Chester Chronicle*. William Cowdroy took the role of editor on the paper from 1785. Löffler, *Welsh Responses to the French Revolution*, pp. 137–71. No evidence has been found of the apprehension of Fletcher suggested here.

[4] See 1174 for a reference to 'two drawings of the Princess Elizabeth's Coffin'. Pennant writes of Newport church in *From Dover to the Isle of Wight* (1801), where he describes the tomb of Sir Edward Horsey (1582), at pp. 158–9.

[5] Moses Griffith, junior, and Margaret Griffith.

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Elizabeth and Catherine Bull.