Thomas Pennant to Richard Bull

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Dear Sir

Downing Jan^{y} 13th 1795

I am most perfectly agreed with you as to the political as well as the literary part of y^{r} letter. never was a more dastardly, or at this time more criminal amendment made in the house.[2] so intimidating & so productive of giving animation to ~~[illegible]~~an enemy insulting & triumphant: the triumph I trust is near its end & we shall have our task which I hope we shall use with moderation

The sketch I sent is certainly one of the beauties of Charles 2$^{d.s}$ court There are 12 of them with Charles^placed in the room in the midst of them. all are separate portraits. they are if I think copies after Peter Lely: but that I refer to yours and Lord orfords better judgement. I am so anxious about making a good thing of mostyn, its library &c &c &c[3] that I hope you will be my Sphynx.

I beg my best respects to Lord orford & every good wish that can be thought of.

I am stout in body; & now & always did despise the extremes of weather. I am just going to Mostyn to congratulate the house on the birth of a son: ~~of~~^one of~~one~~ the Daughters married M^{r} Edw. Lloyd heir to Sir E. Ll of Pengwern. The vast fortunes may devolve on him in a few days for the uncle is very ill

My Buttler went last to Mostyn on his return I asked if the lady was deliverd. He answered gravely, No Sir.! the Doctor is not yet come from Chester.

my best compliments attend m^{r} Storer: his disease is easily cured. Let him build pull down build again. lay out his lands employ every poor man give larger wages, relieve judiciously the distressed, & he will serve the public & by his internal feelings be relieved amply from his grievous malady.

Adieu, Dear Sir
Y^{rs} most affectly

T Pennant

I hope that you are better of y^{r} real maladies: & that you & miss Bulls[4] may visit Downing next Summer.

In Mostyn are two large half lengths of Charles I. & his quite quite profiles. fine do you know any such are called Vandycks

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Richard Bull Esq[r]. | Stratton Street | Piccadilly

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Editorial Notes

[1] William Wilberforce (1759–1833) called for peace talks in December 1794, moving an amendment to the address urging the government to try to secure peace on 30 December 1794, and supporting an opposition motion with a similar purpose on 26 January 1795. *ODNB* s.n. William Wilberforce, William Pitt.

[2] *A tour in Wales*. MDCCLXX (London: Henry Hughes, MDCCLXXVIII), pp. 10–12, does not appear to suggest that there was a very rich collection of portraits at Tre-Mostyn, and names only three portraits. Pennant provides a much fuller account of the contents of the Mostyn library in its entirety (books, manuscripts and antiquities), as well as of the church, school and some of the land attached to it in *HPWaH*, pp. 72–113.

[3] Elizabeth and Catherine Bull.

[4] The place name 'London' is handwritten.