Thomas Pennant to Richard Bull

ID:	1196
From:	Thomas Pennant
To:	Richard Bull
Date:	1796-12-01
Repository:	National Library of Wales
Identifier:	NLW 5500C, no. 130
Notes:	*Condition*: slight damage caused by seal
Editors:	Transcribed by Ffion Mair Jones; edited by Ffion Mair Jones; encoded by Vivien Williams. (2019)
Cite:	'Thomas Pennant to Richard Bull 1796-12-01' transcribed by Ffion Mair Jones; edited by Ffion Mair Jones; encoded by Vivien Williams. (2019) in Curious Travellers Digital Editions [editions.curioustravellers.ac.uk/doc/1196]

Dear Sir

Downing Dec^{r} 1 1796

This 1st of December I may tell you that Moses has not completed *our Whiteford*: all the drawings I thought worthy of a place, are sketch & shaded, I hope he will not be much longer, but like a true catches at every offered Job & neglects what he has had long in hand.

I hope you passed the late summer pleasantly. If you went the way I suspect, I might be of use on the road, Especially had I furnished you with the complete list of the portraits of my ~~jour~~ inedited ~~[illegible]~~journals which I ~~[illegible]~~extracted, a most horrid dull & painful work at the request of Sir W^{m} Musgrave which nothing should tempt me to again

The late summer has been to me a wretched one. The dissensions that reigned & still reign in our unhappy little country affected me with the Asthma which I have not yet got free from. It is singular that the disorder of the mind should affect the body with such a disorder: but it has arrived at such a heighn as to make the calling in of a physician requite. You may have seen in the papers that my nephew Sir Th. Mostyn has by the rascality of a fasion been elected under age. a petition will be preferred, & probably driven from his a proper lesson to a youth for listening to bad advisers & neglecting the guardians appointed by his parent. The resolution of the house will be novel. non age elections may pass in small boroughs: but the insult ought never to be suffered in counties. Pray inform me how miss Bull & you do. You have my earnest wishes for y^{r} welfare. my younger boy I had with me all the summe He was attacked at School with a severe cough and an uncommon growth.[1] we took him down with us after we had the pleasure of seeing you. By air & exercise he is perfectly restored. I ~~[illegible]~~ engaged an ingenious young clergyman.[2] His application to learning a morning & night is amazing & his amusement at midday with his gun is not less so. I have the fairest hopes of him.

with best complm^{ts} to miss Bull concludes D^{r} Sir Y^{rs} most affectly

Tho. Pennant

Stamp: (postmark) A DE 3 96

Stamp: (handstamp) HOLYWELL

Richard Bull Esq^{r} | Stratton street Piccadilly | London

Marginalia

On address side, in Richard Bull's hand:

Melvilles [illegible] Inquisition | Monmouth D. Barnet. [illegible] III, 5. 39 | Sir Ed^{d} Cecil Lord Wimbledon, L^{d} [illegible] of Cher: 13. | Mersaille good Bishop | + Turkey

---

Editorial Notes

[1] Thomas Pennant, junior, was presumably still at school in Hackney. See 1163.

[2] This may refer to Griffith Lloyd.