Hugh Davies to Thomas Pennant, 29 July 1773

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Esteemed Sir,

Master Panton was at Beaumares the morning I receiv'd the favour of your letter, to whom I deliver'd the inclosed. –[1] [authorial] I send the Inscriptions on each side ~~the~~of the Alter at Beaumares, and that which you desired at Penmon.[2] – The Fish, I mention'd that I intended a visit to, was a trick put upon me by a waggish acquaintance, who deem'd it the most effectual method of enticing me so far from home to partake of a drinking match. –

Another Specimen of the Gadus,[3] which I sent, was brought me lately, which I thought it unnecessary to preserve, as M: Griffiths Drawing is a good, it was smaller than the former.

The Haddock, a fish so little known on this Coast for many years past, as to be term'd by the common people y Pyscod dieithr (the Strange fishes) has visited the northern part of this Island, this and the last Summer, in such great abundance as considerably to reduce the market-rates for some weeks, the poorer people cure quantities of them.

I wish you all pleasure & Satisfaction on your intended Tour,[4] and am, Dear Sir,

your most obliged &
Humble Servant

Hugh Davies.
Beaumares July the 29th. – 73.

P.S.
A Catalogue of the Birds & Plants of Priestholm Isle is on your return. –

Marginalia

Endorsement in Thomas Pennant's hand: Beaumaris inscriptions

Editorial Notes

[1] A reference to Paul Panton, junior, who would have been around fifteen years old at this time.

[2] The inscription at Penmon does not appear to have been reproduced by Pennant in *A tour in Wales*. The Beaumaris inscriptions may be those on a stone on the south side of the altar of the church, which are given in *A tour in Wales 1770 [1773]* (1778), II, p. 247.

[3] A type of cod (*Gadus morrhua*), found in the North Atlantic and connected seas. *OED*. Pennant mentions several fish whose Latin names include the word 'Gadus' in his *British zoology*. The 'Poor' is the only one illustrated by Moses Griffith. See *British zoology* (2nd edn., 1768–70), III, Plate IX, facing p. 150.

[4] Davies refers to Pennant's forthcoming tour of north Wales, the basis for much of his published *A tour in Wales 1770 [1773]* (1778).