

John Lloyd, Caerwys, to Thomas Pennant, 6 September 1777

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Sir

I send you the following [...] from Mr Eyton's *Book*, If you consult the *Stanley pedigree*, you may probably ascertain the Time &c. – "Richard Mutton of Ruthlan Gent married Ellen daughter to John, aer h#n, Conwey of Potryddan Esqr &c.¹ – The mother of the s^d Elen Conwey, was Jonet dau: to Edmond Stanley of Ll#s in northop Esq^r, 2^d son to S^r William Stanley of Hooton K^t, which Jone[?]t ... the Relict of Bryan Saxton of Northop, ... Howel Gwynedd's lands, that was beheaded by [?]the] Inhabitants of the Town of Fflint upon Moel-y[...] in Owen Glyndwr's time, & his lands forfeited & given to Saxton aforesaid." By Transcribing the above, I find there is no Occasion to consult Chronology, for it appears that Jonet was Relict to the very person, who had Howel's lands. – I Likewise send you the 3 Beads that were found about six years ago near Caunant mawr, above Castell dôl Badarn, there are six in all of them. –² The other two stones were found in a field near this Town about 2 or 3 years ago, one of them at least seems applicable to the same purpose. – I am, with my best Respects to M^{rs} Pennant &c

Your very Humble Sert &c

John Lloyd
Caerwys Sept 6. 1777

Thomas Pennant Esq^r

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Editorial Notes

¹ Pennant gives this information in the context of his discussion of the burial site at the parish church of Henllan, Denbighshire, of Sir Peter Mutton, whom he describes as 'descended from Richard Mutton, of Rhuddlan, and Elen, daughter to John (Aer Hên) Conway, of Bodrhyddan. *A tour in Wales 1770 [1773]* (1778), II, p. 45.

² See *A tour in Wales 1770 [1773]* (1778), II, p. 160, for Pennant's description of 'Caunant Mawr' ('a noble cataract, precipitating over two vast rocks into two most horrible chasms'), during an ascent of Snowdon. He notes the finding of 'several beads; some of glass, and one of jet' near the waterfall. 'Castell Dolbadern' is noted in *ibid.*, p. 157.